

Car-bomb defused in centre of capital in nick of time

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

At least 12 kilograms of high explosive packed into a car with Arabic slogans such as "Fatah" and "Sabra, Shatilla" painted inside, were defused yesterday morning in the centre of Jerusalem with minutes to spare by police sappers.

Some two dozen persons were taken in for questioning or for their own protection in the area of the Hamashbir Latzarchan department store, behind which the boobytrapped car was parked, blocking traffic in the middle of the street.

A Jerusalem woman, still being sought last night by the police to give a detailed statement, reported the suspicious car at 9.05 a.m. by calling the police emergency number 100.

Within a few minutes of the report, the scream of sirens was heard throughout downtown as police cars dashed through the streets to reach the scene so as to clear pedestrians and passers-by from the area. A 100-metre safety perimeter was drawn in radius from the car, and Jerusalem Police Commander Rahamim Comfort and his deputy, Yosef Yehudai, took charge of the evacuation of the many residential and office buildings in the area, including the nearby Kupat Holim Cholim clinic.

Because the car was parked in the middle of the street, the police immediately assumed that it had been there only a short time, and arrests were conducted in the area, netting about two dozen Arab men. Several of those arrested, however, were picked up as a precautionary measure for their own safety, after they were attacked by passers-by.

While Border Policemen cordoned off the area and conducted arrests, as far away as Rehov Yafa, Kikar Zion, and Kikar Paris, the bomb squad went to work on the car, a stolen Opel Rekord.

Using their special equipment, the sappers opened the hood and trunk of the car. On the inside of the hood was the legend, in Arabic, "Fatah, Fatah, Fatah, Sabra, Shatilla." On the dashboard was written: "Don't forget God." The main explosive device was inside the trunk.

A timer, set to go off at around 10 a.m., was connected to the electrically ignited device. In the back seat of the car was a picnic-style cooking-gas bottle. Another six kilos of long carpenter's nails were in a package next to the cooking gas - apparently to cause added injury and damage when the bomb went off.

It took nearly 40 minutes for the sappers to do their work and tow the car to the police headquarters at the Russian compound for forensic examination.

A special investigating team headed by Rav-Pakad Ya'acov Shrentzel was set up by Southern District Police Commander Avraham Turgeim, but the main burden of the investigation is to be borne by other security forces.

Most of those detained yesterday morning were expected to be released by last night or today. However, police sources indicated that the manner in which the car was parked - almost as if the passengers had abandoned it rather than parked it - was a strong indication that the perpetrators may have been nearby when the car was discovered.

Comfort called on the public to remain alert.



The booby-trapped car discovered yesterday in Jerusalem behind the Hamashbir department store. The writing visible on the inside of the hood reads: "Fatah, Fatah, Fatah, Sabra, Shatilla." (Isaac Harari)

Labour, Likud far apart on settlements, Jordan Parties blame each other for taking tough line

By DAVID LANDAU
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Labour and the Likud agreed last night on non-controversial issues of foreign policy, but remained far apart on the two key issues of settlements and peace talks with Jordan.

A Likud participant in the eight-man foreign policy working-group termed a position paper presented by Labour "tough and aggressive."

A Labour participant said the Likud side - and most especially Deputy Premier David Levy - had been "unfathomably and uncompromising" in their response to Labour's formulations.

During the three-hour session at the Knesset, the first of the foreign-policy working group, Levy accused Labour of actually "accentuating" its differences with the Likud in its position paper.

After the meeting a Labour source said privately that Levy sought to make Labour accept no less than the entire Likud programme - "and even if we were to accept that, he would be very reluctant to see a unity government set up."

The positions on some of the issues are as follows:

• Settlements - Labour's text proposed that "the existence (of all the settlements in Judea and Samaria) will be ensured." The Likud side immediately objected that this ruled out, by implication, any expansion or bolstering of the settlements. Some of them were so small and wobbly that merely "ensuring their existence" was a recipe for their early demise, the Likud side argued.

• New settlements - Labour proposed that the creation of any new settlement should require a larger-than-normal cabinet majority. Likud is holding out for a simple majority.

• Jordan - Labour proposed in its position paper that Jordan be invited to peace talks without preconditions. The Labour side said it was prepared to drop its earlier formulation "without preconditions, on the basis of UN Resolutions 242 and 338." But the Likud side was not impressed by this concession. Likud insists that Jordan be invited strictly on the basis of the Camp David agreement. Justice Minister Moshe (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Index up by 124 per cent in July

9.9% CoL payment due, inflation nears 400%

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Wage-earners will receive a 9.9 per cent cost-of-living compensation in their August salaries, payable early next month. The rate of compensation represents 80 per cent of the 12.4 per cent rise in the July consumer price index, announced yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Following the announcement, the Treasury adjusted the travel tax to IS28.170.

Last month's inflation brought the index to 4934.1 points on a 1980-100 baseline. Since the beginning of the year prices have risen by 150 per cent, a pace that translates into a 381 per cent annual rate of inflation. According to the bureau an average urban family would need a monthly income of IS181,500 to purchase an average "basket" of goods and services.

The inflation rate for last month was less than the one forecast by government officials and private-sector economists, who were expecting an index rise of about 15 per cent. The figures published yesterday showed that it was the prices of fruit

and vegetables that moderated the increase in the index. These prices dropped by almost 5 per cent last month. Excluding them, the index would have increased by 13.5 per cent.

Despite the lower-than-expected increase, July's inflation was the highest-ever for that month, almost double the rise in consumer prices recorded in the same month in recent years.

The announcement of the record inflation came 24 hours after the failure of the talks between the Histadrut and the Treasury. After his

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Alignment rejects Likud economic plan bid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Likud yesterday failed to persuade the Alignment to participate in an economic programme before the establishment of a new government.

The proposal that the Alignment take part in drawing up such a programme was made by Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad yesterday, during the first meeting of the parties' economic negotiating teams. It was rejected by the Alignment representatives, led by Knesset Member Gad Ya'acobi, on the grounds that the two sides had not yet agreed on guidelines for joint government.

Ya'acobi told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the chances that the two sides will come to an agreement on economic matters are "pretty

good." He added that he expects substantial progress to be made at the next meeting tomorrow, and that an agreement could even be tied up by early next week.

Alignment sources said last night that the Likud proposal must be seen in the context of Cohen-Orad's efforts to persuade the Histadrut to begin negotiations for a "package deal" that would limit wages, prices and taxes. The Histadrut has steadfastly refused to negotiate, maintaining that the present interim government does not have the authority to make long-term commitments.

The sources explained that the Alignment, too, is unwilling to participate in any programme until a permanent government with clearly defined authority and responsibility

has been established.

Yesterday's meeting was conducted in a "good and serious" atmosphere, participants said. Representing the Alignment were Ya'acobi, MKs Adiel Amori and Rafael Edri, and United Kibbutz Movement secretary Yosef Perlmutter. The Likud team consisted of Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, Cohen-Orad, Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt.

However, Ya'acobi cautioned that "obstacles" still stand in the way of an agreement. Sources said that the two sides still disagree over the priority that should be given to freezing settlement, the level of unemployment (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Labour, NRP fail to agree on 'Who is a Jew' question

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Alignment and National Religious Party work teams on religion and state failed to resolve the contentious "Who is a Jew" problem during a three-hour meeting here yesterday. Alignment participant Haim Zadok (Labour) said after the meeting that he still believed progress could be made, though agreement would be dependent on an overall agreement on the formation of a government.

The economic terms of the two parties held a "constructive" meeting here yesterday evening, participants said. The differences between the two parties are not wide, though, once again, final agreement on economic matters depends on an overall agreement on the composition of the next government.

Alignment negotiator Knesset Member Avraham Katz-Oz (Labour) said after the meeting that substantial progress had been made, and that the framework of an agreement could be drawn up by early next week.

In an attempt to break the "Who is a Jew" deadlock, the Alignment team proposed the adoption of a clause from the 1974 coalition agreement, in which conversion was described as "a Halachic concept," and provision was made for the establishment of a committee of ministers to examine the problem.

NRP representatives, MKs Avner Sciaky and David Danino, welcomed the Halachic definition of conversion, but were less amenable to the proposal that a committee be established. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Sciaky pointed out that the committee had never been established and said that his party was not prepared to retrogress on the matter.

In addition to Zadok, the Alignment team consisted of MK Uzi Baram (Labour) and Mapam MK Elazar Granot, who reportedly said during the meeting that Mapam would be prepared to make compromises beyond the religious status quo if a narrow government is established.

Sciaky gave a dim prognosis of the prospects of reaching an agreement in an interview with *Kol Yisrael* after the meeting. The Alignment's "thoughts," he said, had not answered the NRP's needs, and the Alignment's platform on religion was in "almost complete contradiction" to the NRP's beliefs.

Prime minister-designate Shimon Peres met at the Dan Hotel here last night with Tami leader MK Aharon Abuhatzira. Spokesmen for the two men described the meeting as "private," and no details were released.

Uruguayan president is not coming here

A Middle Eastern trip by Uruguayan President Gregorio Alvarez has been cancelled. *Kol Yisrael* said last night. An official source in Montevideo announced the cancellation without explanation, it said. Alvarez was due to visit Israel and Egypt at the end of this month.

Yahad, NRP meet on unity gov't stand

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
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TEL AVIV. - Yahad Party head Ezer Weizman yesterday met National Religious Party leaders Yosef Burg and Zevulun Hammer to discuss the possibility of creating a bloc to pressure the other parties to form a national unity government.

Both Yahad and the NRP are aware that no party will be able to form a government without their help, sources in Yahad said.

Asked whether Weizman is party to Hammer's initiative in calling for rotation of the premiership and for a coalition without basic guidelines, the sources said Weizman is not insisting on any specific point apart from the necessity for a national unity government.

It was learned that Yahad prefers the NRP and other religious parties as government partners over radical elements such as Tehiya-Tzomet and "non-Zionist" parties, since making concessions in religious matters is more palatable to Yahad than making political concessions.

As for Weizman's initiative, sources in the NRP said that its next step would be to hold formal talks with Yahad during which a proposal would be aired that the two parties issue a joint statement ruling out any coalition other than a national unity government.

The NRP sources said that Yigael Hurvitz's one-man Ometz party would probably be invited to such a formal meeting as well.

NRP dove Avraham Melamed told *The Jerusalem Post*: "Although more NRP members would in theory prefer a narrow government led by the Likud over one led by the Alignment, we are not facing a theoretical situation today."

As minesweepers arrive

Two more explosions in Gulf of Suez

CAIRO (Reuters). - Two more explosions were reported in the Red Sea yesterday as a multinational fleet of mine sweepers was about to begin sweeping the waterway in which at least 16 vessels have been hit in the past five weeks.

Norwegian shipping sources in Oslo said a Soviet trawler was hit by a mine in the southern Red Sea on Tuesday and an Egyptian minesweep detonated another. Egypt Defence Ministry officials declined immediate comment on the report.

Egyptian and British naval officials met to discuss the minesweeping operation, as four British minehunters and their support ship arrived at Adabiya naval base at the head of the Gulf of Suez, after sailing through the Suez Canal overnight.

The French minesweeper *Cantho*, which had sailed from Port Said with them, developed engine trouble and docked with its support ship *Isard* in the Bitter Lakes, halfway down the canal.

The 8,977-ton U.S. transport ship *Shreveport*, carrying four minesweeping helicopters, was meanwhile off Port Said and was due to sail through the canal last night, port officials said.

The U.S. units are scheduled to help sweep the southern end of the Gulf of Suez with Egyptian vessels. The British ships will scour the northern end of the Gulf, diplomatic sources say.

The French ships are expected to operate in Saudi Arabian waters together with the Saudi navy, and another three U.S. RH-53 helicopters have been airlifted to the kingdom to help clear the approaches to its ports.

U.S. officials said last night there was still no concrete evidence as to who was behind the minings, for which responsibility has been claimed by the shadowy "Islamic Jihad" (holy war) organization.

Egyptian officials have said they suspect Libyan or Iranian involvement, which both Tripoli and Tehran have denied.

Officers aboard HMS *Gavington* said they expected to be given details of their search area and latest Egyptian intelligence on the mines before leaving the Adabiya base.

"We expect to be given our task at Adabiya. Until then we really know no more about where we will be operating or how long it will take than you do," one officer told Reuters.

The Suez Canal's transit director, Captain Yehia Khalil, said 10 ships had been stopped and searched in the past two weeks before being allowed to use the canal.

He told Reuters they had included three Iranian vessels, and the others were Liberian, West German, Chinese and Italian.

"All the checks have been negative," he said.

Sri Lanka army reported attacking Tamil homes

MANNAR, Sri Lanka (AP). - Two incidents of army attacks on Tamil minority homes were reported yesterday in the troubled Jaffna region as authorities announced that two more alleged terrorists were slain and 80 suspects arrested by the security forces.

A guerrilla group threatened to bomb the main railroad station in Colombo, the capital, to stop the

authorities from sending army reinforcements and arms to the Tamil-dominated north.

Security forces were placed on full alert at the crowded railway station and the place was searched for explosives.

Army troops went on a rampage in and around Mannar last Sunday, burning a large number of Tamil homes and shops, killing five civilians and looting property, witnesses said. The attack apparently was triggered by a guerrilla ambush of an army convoy in which 10 soldiers were reported killed.

Government sources said 14 houses were set on fire by troops in the Jaffna area, 310 kilometres northeast of Colombo. Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said: "The killing of innocent people in Sri Lanka is highly shocking."

In an Independence Day address to the nation in New Delhi, Gandhi said she had been emotionally moved by the manner in which Tamil-speaking Sri Lankans had become the target of ruthless assault.

"We do not want to interfere. We do not want to erect any type of obstacle towards the unity of another country," she said.

Fasting and prayer today over Ethiopian Jews' plight

By LEA LEVAVI
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TEL AVIV. - Fifteen to 20 Ethiopian Jews die each day from dysentery, malaria and other diseases and because of persecution by non-Jews, leaders of the Israel Association of Ethiopian Jews told a news conference here yesterday.

The Ethiopian Jewish community in Israel will today fast and pray over the plight of their families.

One of the organizers of the news

conference, Moshe Rahamim, said that Israel is doing too little too late, and that he wakes up every morning wondering if his parents, his siblings and his friends are still alive.

As part of today's protest, Ethiopian Jews will not send their children to camp and those at absorption centres will not attend classes. A prayer service will be held at the Western Wall by representatives of absorption centres and of areas in Israel where the Ethiopian Jews live. (Photo - page 3)

Expired visa will cost holder heavily

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
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TEL AVIV. - Tourists whose visas have long expired will not be permitted to leave the country and legal measures will be taken against them, according to new regulations recently issued by the Interior Ministry.

The ministry has also sharply raised the fine for allowing visas to expire and the payment for renewing them.

Interior Ministry spokesman Yitzhak Agassi told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that these actions are being taken because thousands of non-residents enter the country on

tourist visas and stay here long after their visas have expired.

People who stay in Israel for several years without renewing their tourist visas will be stopped by the Ben-Gurion Airport police when they try to leave the country. They will be referred to the Interior Ministry to renew their visas and will have to pay the increased fine in court, Agassi said.

He said that the ministry will be less strict with those whose visas have expired only a few months ago. These persons may be permitted to pay a fine of "several thousand shekels" and depart.

The Post has learned that a num-

ber of tourists whose visas have expired are afraid to try to leave the country lest they be detained at the airport. One tourist who applied to renew her visa at the Interior Ministry over four months ago and has still not received it said she had been forced to cancel a trip abroad because of this.

"All I got from the Interior Ministry was a receipt for IS1,000 paid for applying for a new visa, but the receipt does not say what it was for and there is no way I can prove to the airport authorities that I am not staying here illegally," she said.

Agassi denied that obtaining a visa takes such a long time.

Donetsk is Davis Cup site

Israel, USSR tennis match-up in Ukraine

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The USSR will play Israel in Davis Cup tennis in the Ukrainian city of Donetsk, from September 28 to 30. The 28th is the second day of Rosh Hashana.

This was the decision of the Soviet Tennis Association, conveyed here yesterday by the International Tennis Federation which is headquartered in London. The games, in the final of the Davis Cup Group A, will be played on outdoor clay courts. The referees for the match, from a neutral country, have not yet been named.

Donetsk is an industrial and coal-mining city of about one million people. Until now it has hardly featured on the international tennis map, but that did not worry Israel tennis officials yesterday.

David Harnik, chairman of the Israel Tennis Association, said "we are very satisfied" with the decision of the Soviets. "They were perfectly within their rights to choose the venue for the match, and have given us full information, including the hotel where the Israeli players will stay, and times of play. The decision

has cleared the air," Harnik told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Harnik said the games against the Soviets will be "tough, but not impossible to win." Israel's top players, Shlomo Glickstein and Shahar Perkiss, now playing in tournaments in North America, will return here after the U.S. Open at Flushing Meadows, which starts on August 27.

The Ramat Hasharon Grand Prix gets under way on September 10, and will be the last major tournament for the Israelis before the trip to the Ukraine.


Slogans crawled on home of Charlie Biton

Condemnatory slogans were found scrawled yesterday afternoon on the home of Knesset Member Charlie Biton (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality) in the Jerusalem suburb of Ramot.

"Charlie Biton. Kahane is right, you're a scoundrel," one slogan said. "Traitor, murderer," another slogan said, while another was "Charlie Biton is a black stain on the Knesset. Go back to Musarra, you thief."

The slogans were discovered by Biton's wife, Rali. Some words were misspelled. The police are investigating. (10m)

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Jerusalem	20	19-20	27
Golan	20	19-20	27
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Haifa Port	20	19-20	27
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Nazareth	20	19-20	27
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Shomron	20	19-20	27
Tel Aviv	20	19-20	27
B-G Airport	20	19-20	27
Jericho	20	19-20	27
Gaza	20	19-20	27
Beersheba	20	19-20	27
Eilat	20	19-20	27

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday sent a letter congratulating songwriter Levin Kipnis on his 90th birthday.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Colin Bliss, Mrs. Samuel Bliss and Mrs. Rachelle Menkin are arriving today for the dedication of an eye clinic in Jerusalem's Bushan area in memory of Samuel Bliss.

NII payments up to offset C-o-L rise

The National Insurance Institute announced yesterday that following the 12.4 per cent rise in the July cost-of-living index and the new system for updating NII payments, allotments will be increased this month by 15.9 to 20 per cent.

According to the NII, the average wage this month will be IS182,192, compared with IS151,813 in July — an increase of 20 per cent.

Those allotments linked to the average wage, like old-age pensions, family-support payments and welfare payments, will rise by 20 per cent.

Other allotments will rise by 15.9 per cent.

The following are some of the new payment levels, compared with those in July (in parentheses):

Old-age allotment for single: IS29,151 (24,391)
Old-age allotment for couple: IS45,727 (36,437)
Widow with one child: IS42,816 (35,677)
Widow with two children: IS56,481 (47,165)
Minimum compensation for a day's Israel Defence Forces reserve duty: IS2,187.70 (1,887.50)

ALIYA HAPPENING

Some 3,000 Jewish tourists and new olim are to participate today in Jerusalem in a day-long programme called "Aliya throughout the generation." Tours of the capital and discussions with aliya officials will conclude with an evening ceremony at the Hebrew University's Givat Ram amphitheatre.

Apathy leads to the abyss

Dear Citizen

Although we haven't heard your voice yet, in your heart of hearts you are not really apathetic. What's holding you back? Do you habitually underestimate your own importance, and influence on the situation and on our political leadership? Do you feel you finished your job when you voted? Is that how you see democracy? Democracy is based on something vital and dynamic — on people who care, and therefore take real action.

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You and every one of us are called on to be people of deed — this is the order of the day! The divisions are deep, and in the absence of definite action, will lead to the abyss. The present situation requires us to take a close look at ourselves, and that we unite.

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HOME AND WORLD NEWS

After Corfu request

B-G baggage handlers end their go-slow strike

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Post Aviation Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ben-Gurion Airport baggage handlers yesterday afternoon resumed normal work after 36 hours of a go-slow strike in defiance of back-to-work orders. The staff committee acceded to Transport Minister Haim Corfu's request to end their go-slow, and Corfu then rescinded the back-to-work orders.

But passengers felt the effects of the strike much later because El Al planes that had left Israel late because of the strike returned here one to two hours behind schedule.

In the morning, workers took their time loading baggage so flights were sometimes delayed by more than four hours.

Passengers crowded along the

glass wall of the second floor departure hall watching porters milling about.

In the ground-floor arrivals hall, passengers sometimes waited for three hours until their luggage appeared on conveyor belts. People slept on the floor and some played cards to kill time.

Corfu meanwhile conferred in Jerusalem with the management of the Airports Authority and the State Attorney's representative, who advised him to warn the workers before taking legal action.

The minister called in the staff committee and warned of heavy punishments. The workers then agreed to climb down.

Negotiations over a new wage agreement are to resume soon.

3 killed in 2 road accidents

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Three persons died in two road accidents yesterday.

Two were killed when the car in which they were riding was involved in a head-on collision with a semi-trailer on the old Haifa-Tel Aviv road one kilometre south of the Caesarea junction yesterday evening.

The names of the deceased had not been released by late last night.

The body of the car driver was trapped in the wreckage of his vehicle for more than 20 minutes, and had to be removed by firemen.

A doctor certified that both the driver and passenger in the car were dead at the scene.

The police said that the driver of the lorry, which was travelling north, swerved into oncoming traffic to avoid a car that had stopped suddenly in front of it and collided head on with the car travelling south. The two people in the car were killed instantly.

The lorry driver was held for questioning.

Early yesterday morning a pedestrian, Rachel Kogan, 75, died after she was struck by a van while crossing the road on Kiryat Yam's Sderot Yerushalayim.

The van driver, a 36-year-old resident of Kiryat Yam, was detained.

Yesterday's fatalities brought to five the number of persons killed in road accidents in the Haifa district this week.

An ambulance was almost destroyed yesterday at Haifa's Megged crossroads when it was taking a sick woman to hospital. But the driver, the patient and a volunteer riding in it were only lightly injured. It was involved in a collision with a semi-trailer.

A policeman was lightly injured on the Zichron Ya'akov-Hadera road in the early hours of yesterday morning when a stolen car tried to crash through an improvised police roadblock and damaged two police cars. Two youths who were in the stolen car were arrested after trying to flee the scene of the accident. The policeman was hospitalized at Hadera's Hillel Yoffe Hospital.

Schultz advisors suggest Israeli austerity program

Jerusalem Post Staff

U.S. Secretary of State George Schultz's economic advisers have suggested that Israel implement an austerity programme such as that imposed by the International Monetary Fund on developing countries with high foreign debts, the *Chicago Tribune* reported yesterday.

The *Tribune* story came after a telephone interview with Herbert Stein, who is close to Schultz and is assembling an independent team of economists to deal with Israel's economic ills.

Schultz reportedly told Israeli officials that if Jerusalem institutes a reasonable austerity programme, the U.S. will ease Israel's foreign debt payments. Israel must pay \$945 million next year on its outstanding debt of \$9 billion.

The newspaper also reported that the U.S. administration is considering increasing its Israeli aid for the coming year by 30 per cent. But it appears that this is actually only

intended to bring the administration's proposal in line with the sum already voted by Congress.

Meanwhile, Schultz has accused Syria of blocking Lebanon from holding troop-withdrawal talks with Israel. But in a letter to an American Jewish leader, he said Syria has changed its tactics and now supports the central government in Beirut as it tries to extend its control to all of Lebanon.

In that sense, Schultz wrote Kenneth J. Bialkin, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the U.S. and Syria had similar goals.

He said, however, that Syria was supporting the Beirut government "for different reasons than our own." He did not say what he thought those reasons might be.

The Jewish group released the letter Tuesday along with a statement by Bialkin saying he was gratified with Schultz's "assurances that our country still sees Syria as an obstacle to peace in the area."

Arson suspected in UK synagogue fire

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Jewish community leaders are regarding as arson a recent fire that destroyed a London synagogue.

All that remains of the 74-year-old West Ham Synagogue in East London is a pile of rubble. Thirteen Tora scrolls were charred and will have to be buried.

Preliminary police reports indicate that the fire may have been caused by an electrical fault, but

Martin Savitt, a vice-president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, with special responsibility for communal security, has no doubt that it was arson and probably the work of National Front members.

Savitt pointed out that the West Ham area is "a hotbed of National Front activity" and that the West Ham football ground nearby has often been the scene of racist and anti-semitic incidents.

He also noted that two days after the synagogue fire, there was a National Front attack on an Asian family.

Following this incident, the worst in Britain for a number of years, the Board of Deputies will contact all UK synagogues to warn them to be on the alert for similar attacks, particularly before and during Rosh Hashana.

Gunmen kidnap Jewish leader in West Beirut

BEIRUT (Reuters). — A leading member of Beirut's small Jewish community was kidnapped yesterday from his home in mainly Moslem West Beirut, the police said.

Selim Jammous, a member of a committee representing Jewish residents of Beirut, was last seen entering a car that was driven away by armed men, his wife told the police.

The gunmen had earlier come to their home in the old Jewish Quarter of Wadi abu Jamil, asking for Jammous, she said.

There was no immediate explanation for Jammous's abduction and no group has so far claimed responsibility.

Another prominent Lebanese Jew, Raul Sobhi Mizrahi, was found dead in Beirut's southern suburbs last month.

A group calling itself the "National Resistance Arm" — the Nation's Liberation Faction — said it killed Mizrahi because "he was an Israeli agent."

No U.S. proposal for Taba parley, Israel declares

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel has received no proposal from the U.S. to hold talks in Washington on the Taba border dispute with Egypt. Officials in Jerusalem said yesterday they "know nothing" of any such American proposal.

On Tuesday, Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid said the U.S. had proposed talks in Washington and Egypt had agreed. His remarks were reported by the Middle East News Agency. He did not say when the proposal had been made.

The Israeli officials said that the Taba negotiations, "like all other bilateral issues between Israel and Egypt," should be held in the two capitals, Cairo and Jerusalem.

They noted that Israel was ready, as in the past, to hold talks with Egypt at venues other than the two capitals on interim arrangements for Taba, but not over the final disposition of the disputed beach site near Eilat.

There have been sporadic discussions on the interim regime at the site under the Israel-Egypt agreement of April 1982. But that agreement also provided for negotiations — "conciliation or arbitration" — over the final disposition, and these have never begun. In part this is due to the deadlock over venue (Egypt is reluctant to talk in Jerusalem); in part, too, it is due to the general freezing-over of relations between the two countries in the wake of the Lebanon war.

Papua-New Guinea buys three Arava planes

PORT MORESBY (AFP). — Papua-New Guinea has bought three Arava transport planes from Israel for \$10 million. This was announced in parliament yesterday by Prime Minister Michael Somare.

Somare said that the planes were intended to improve patrols along the border with Indonesia. The first plane, an Arava-201, will be supplied within four months.

ECONOMIC PLAN

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employment that is acceptable while the economy is reoriented from services to production, and the composition of the package deal with the Histadrut and the employers.

Of the three, the settlement question could be left to the security and foreign policy negotiations, and the package deal could be left for later, the sources said. But on unemployment, the Likud apparently envisages a far higher level than the Alignment is prepared to accept.

The meeting began with a detailed presentation by Ya'acobi of the Alignment's proposals for economic guidelines, as contained in a document prepared in advance. Cohen-Orad and the other Likud representatives questioned certain aspects of the presentation, and a short discussion followed. The discussion was of a general nature, participants said.

The Alignment's proposals were based on the party's economic platform, drawn up before the elections, with suggestions where the two sides could compromise. They included the need to change economic priorities, support for exports and agriculture, a reorientation towards production and exports, and a social contract with the Histadrut and the employers.

Cohen-Orad appears to be determined to include the Alignment in drawing up a programme, and not just policy guidelines. Speaking to reporters after yesterday's meeting, he said that the test of whatever agreement is arrived at will be the application of an "actual working plan."

Avi Temkin adds:

Ya'acobi is to meet today with Bank of Israel governor Moshe Mandelbaum. Yesterday Mandelbaum met with Peres.

According to Labour Party sources, Mandelbaum took the initiative to meet with the Alignment leaders to inform them of his views on the economic situation.

The sources denied that there has been any effort by Mandelbaum to aid Cohen-Orad in his efforts to reach an accord with the Histadrut and the Alignment. They added that the governor was fulfilling his duty when he informed the opposition party about the economic situation.

Burg predicts:

'Knesset hell-on-earth without unity gov't'

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Knesset Correspondent

"The new Knesset will be hell on earth if this country does not have a national unity government," Interim Knesset Speaker Yosef Burg told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

Burg, who is also head of the National Religious Party and minister of interior, police and religious affairs, could serve as acting president of the state as well, if President Chaim Herzog were to go abroad just now.

Burg told *The Post*: "I saw enough when I presided over the Knesset's opening session on Monday afternoon to convince me that it's vital to avoid a situation in which the two big blocs, the Alignment and the Likud, will be fighting each other. The Knesset must have a firm base, just like the government. Without that firm base, we shall have fresh elections very soon and we don't want that."

Burg said he had received the protocol of Monday's Knesset session as he had requested and had studied the section containing the declaration of allegiance required from Kach Knesset Member Meir Kahane.

Burg said: "I shall send a letter today to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir, asking him whether in his opinion the words Kahane added to the statutory form of pledge signify that he has not yet declared his allegiance to the State of Israel."

Knesset legal adviser Zvi Inbar yesterday told Alignment whip Moshe Shahal that the Knesset must choose a permanent speaker as rapidly as possible.

Inbar said Burg's continued service in the speaker's chair constitutes an unacceptable conflict of interest. Until a permanent speaker is installed, Inbar said, a number of crucial elementary procedures that have to be undertaken at the start of each new Knesset, such as the issue of MKs' identity cards, cannot be implemented.

Israel may ask Portugal to hand over killer Trifa

Jerusalem Post Staff and agencies

Israel has no extradition agreement with Portugal but may try to seek the deportation of Rumanian war criminal Valerian Trifa for trial here if it can gather enough evidence to convict him, Justice Ministry spokesman Yitzhak Feinberg said yesterday.

Meanwhile, in Lisbon, no immediate confirmation was available of the arrival of Trifa, 70, deported from the U.S. on Monday night.

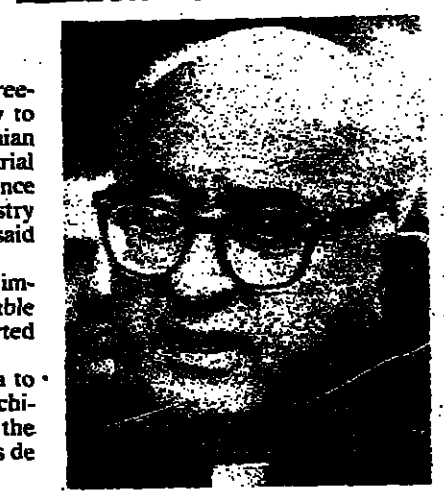
Portugal granted an entry visa to Trifa, a Rumanian Orthodox archbishop without knowing his past, the Portuguese news agency Noticias de Portugal reported yesterday.

Trifa was a leader of the Rumanian Iron Guard, which massacred hundreds of Jews and Christians in Bucharest in January 1941.

"We think Nazi criminals should be chased, and if Trifa has been thrown out to wander like a nomad, that's part of what we want. But we are not completely satisfied yet, and don't see this as the end of the road," Feinberg said.

The U.S. Justice Department sought to deport Trifa to Israel for trial in April 1983, but Israel had not sealed up a case against him, Feinberg said.

"We cannot afford to try a Nazi here when there are possibilities he could be found innocent. That would



Valerian Trifa, the Rumanian archbishop and accused Nazi war criminal who was deported from the U.S. (UPI telephoto)

create an absurd situation," he said.

A 1950 law enables Israel to try persons who "carried out crimes against the Jewish people in Germany or elsewhere under Nazi rule" regardless of their citizenship.

In a related development, Boleslav Maikovskis was ordered deported from the U.S. earlier this week for having concealed his past activities as a police official in Nazi-occupied Latvia during World War II when he applied for entry into the U.S. in 1951.

IDF denies moving Golan border fence

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Military sources yesterday denied a Beirut report that Israel had moved back the border fence on the Golan Heights near Kibbutz Dan and the Alawi village of Rajr.

The village has been in Israel-controlled territory since the Israel Defence Forces captured the Golan Heights in the Six Day War.

The sources said that repairs were carried out on the fence yesterday, at a location where there have been recent infiltration and smuggling attempts, but the fence has not been moved.

Sgan-Aluf Yona Gazit of the Israel Defence Forces spokesman's office yesterday denied a report that

an IDF patrol had made arrests in the village of Ma'arke, near Tyre. No arrests were made, said Gazit.

He said an IDF patrol had found its way into the village blocked by stones and a group of women who shouted at them. The patrol withdrew and summoned reinforcements, which were delayed briefly by Unifil troops.

The enlarged patrol then returned to Ma'arke and told some male villagers to remove both the women and stones. This was carried out, and the patrol continued on its way.

The IDF has asked Unifil for an explanation why the reinforcements were delayed by Unifil.

PARTIES BLAME

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Nissim, for Likud, suggested the formulation "to the peace process," which would imply specifically the Camp David peace process.

● Egypt — In a related paragraph, Labour proposed "that the government will act to continue the peace process with Egypt on the basis of Camp David, and will call upon Egypt to resume the autonomy negotiations."

The Likud quickly balked at this, maintaining it implied that while with Egypt Israel would negotiate on the basis of Camp David, with Jordan it would be prepared to negotiate on some other basis.

● Normalization — Here there was virtual agreement on a Labour formulation calling for "strengthening of relations with Egypt on the basis of the peace treaty."

● Lebanon — Here, too, the two sides were near agreement on Labour's proposal that "the government will act to ensure the security of the northern settlements and will act to withdraw the army (from Lebanon) within a short and prescribed time."

Likud, however, objects to the word "prescribed" and this will be the subject of further negotiation.

On Sunday the working group will meet again, and the Likud side —

Levy, Nissim, Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon — will present a position paper of its own.

The Labour team last night was led by Yitzhak Navon and included Yitzhak Rabin, Abba Eban and Moshe Shahal.

A Labour participant, summing up the talks, said they were "marginally useful — but nothing will be settled on the key issues of controversy until the question of the premiership and the composition of the cabinet is resolved."

This question is due to be taken up by party leaders Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Shamir at a private meeting, their second since the election.

Informed Labour sources confirmed last night that Yitzhak Rabin has said he would "not reject out of hand" the idea of rotation of the premiership between Peres and Shamir — provided that Peres had the first term.

'Times' admits error on Nabatiya 'death'

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — *The Times* yesterday admitted that it published an incorrect report two months ago alleging that Israeli soldiers had killed a seven-year-old Lebanese boy during a search operation in Nabatiya. But in making the admission, the paper also questioned the Israeli version of the incident.

Describing Southern Lebanon as "a difficult and often dangerous place for journalists," *The Times* yesterday published a detailed account of how "truth suffers in reporting Lebanon."

Together with many other news media, *The Times* carried a Reuters report of June 19, based on allegations by Nabatiya residents. Following that report, Israeli Embassy press counsellor Ya'acov Keinan wrote to the paper, pointing out that the boy who was supposed to have been killed "is alive, and well, but slightly scratched in the incident."

The Times then sent its Beirut-based Middle East correspondent, Robert Fisk, to investigate the incident. His report, published yesterday, confirmed that the boy is still alive. But he rejected other statements made by Keinan, particularly the fact that the boy was "only scratched." Fisk found him to be more seriously wounded.

On July 30, some six weeks after its original story, Reuters put out a correcting story pointing out that the boy is still alive.

While admitting that the main element of the story was wrong, *The Times* says that this occurred because "journalists who travel in the region are often mistaken for Israeli plainclothes security and are spoken to with distrust."

Bonn official accused of anti-Semitism

BONN (AFP). — Sources here say they are expecting the resignation of Deputy Foreign Minister Juergen Moellmann after the Israel ambassador to the German Federal Republic accused him of anti-Semitism.

The accusation by Ambassador Yitzhak Ben-Ari came after Moellmann on Monday answered reporters' questions about a story in the influential weekly *Der Spiegel* last June in which Moellmann was said to have used his position to do private business with Arab countries.

Asked whether he thought he was a "victim of a Zionist conspiracy designed to undermine the cooperation between the German Federal Republic and Saudi Arabia," Moellmann said he would not put it that way, but added that this was nevertheless the impression.

Ben-Ari's reaction came on Tuesday when he said Moellmann's declaration "sounded like classical anti-Semitism."

"Especially in Germany, one must think twice before saying such things," the Israel ambassador said.

The West German opposition Social Democratic Party has called for Moellmann's resignation. Chancellor Helmut Kohl is vacationing in Austria.

WATER. — A new water line is being laid along Rishon LeZion's Rehov Herzl from its intersection with Rothschild to the central bus station.

In profound sorrow and grief we announce the passing of

Dr. RICHARD (

HOME NEWS

Afula hospital study shows:
Insecticides cause 'psychosomatic' illness

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Patients suffering from insomnia and hypertension diagnosed as psychogenic or neurogenic may really be suffering from insecticide poisoning, according to a study conducted by the Kupat Holim Clalit's Emek Hospital in Afula.

This was found in tests carried out on patients who came to the hospital complaining of stomach-aches, diarrhea, heartburn, insomnia and hypertension.

Regular analyses of blood samples failed to find medical reasons for these conditions.

Further checks, however, revealed that the symptoms were caused by an accumulation of insecticide in the patients' bodies as a result of

eating large quantities of fresh fruit and vegetables.

Even more disturbing was the discovery that the patients had washed the fruit and vegetables thoroughly. The hospital staff, led by Dr. David Ratner, head of the reception ward, surmised that the insecticide must have penetrated the skin of the produce.

The health fund's spokeswoman said yesterday that the findings were made when staff decided to analyse the level of cholinesterase, an enzyme that ensures the proper functioning of the body's nervous system, in blood samples taken from the patients.

The tests showed that the level of the enzyme in 25 patients was lower than normal, which accounted for the symptoms.

The spokeswoman said that insecticides in large quantities act like nerve gas and paralyze the enzyme, thereby causing disturbances in the nervous system.

She said the patients were asked to stop eating fruit and vegetables and in a short time there was a considerable improvement in their condition. Eventually the symptoms vanished. Subsequent blood tests revealed that the amount of cholinesterase had returned to normal.

The researchers say doctors should be aware of the possibility that ailments that could be interpreted as psychosomatic or neurotic in origin may in fact be caused by insecticide poisoning.

They also point out the dangers of using too much insecticide in agriculture.

Reason for charter cancellations unclear
Scheduled airlines urge continued enforcement of rules

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Aviation Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Representatives of scheduled airlines operating here urge the continuation of government restrictions against charter companies, while the local representative of several charter firms charge that it is those same regulations that led to the cancellation of several of his clients' flights.

The most controversial rule imposed on the charter operators is their having to assign passengers booking their flights in Israel to separate aircraft from those booking them abroad on routes between Ben-Gurion Airport and destinations served by regularly scheduled airlines. This forces the charter firms to work harder to fill their planes—or to raise their fares to compensate for

less-than-full loads.

Eli Messer, who represents Austrian Airlines in Israel and is the spokesman for a panel of the representatives of scheduled air companies operating here, noted that the only other restriction on charter operators—that they must sell \$100 worth of ground services to their customers, such as hotel accommodations—is not being enforced.

"We have proof that in most cases, the \$100 aren't even being collected," Messer said.

He added that scheduled airline companies, which bring 83 per cent of the travellers to Israel, deserve protection against the charters—which are "charter companies in name only."

The panel has complained that charter operators have taken many

of the same liberties as their companies—but have not been bound by the restrictions of the regularly scheduled firms.

El Al's Dov Adiv, who chairs the panel, noted that the scheduled airlines have to fly all year round regardless of the number of passengers, that they cannot set their fares unilaterally, and that they cannot even determine the spacing between seats on their aircraft.

Meanwhile, a well-placed source in the Israel Airport Authority told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Dutch charter firm Martin Air had cancelled its flights here for September, and that two other charter operators, British Island and the German Aero-Lloyd, had also cancelled a series of flights.

Menahem Laufer, who represents

the companies here, told *The Post* that the cancellations came as a result of the government restrictions.

But British Island, which used the 119-seater BAC-111 on its Israel run, told reporters in London that, since its Israel-bound aircraft were relatively small, they did not have to mix groups in order to fill the planes. Nevertheless, there was no mention of why the company's Israel flights were cancelled.

Neither was it clear whether any of the airlines that cancelled their coming flights here intended to continue flying to Israel much longer. None of them flew here last winter, and none had filed requests to fly here during the coming winter, according to Nahman Zadok, head of the Civil Aviation Administration's international relations department.

IBA deficit may reach 30%

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A deficit of at least 30 per cent for fiscal 1984/85 has been predicted for the Israel Broadcasting Authority, if its present rate of overspending continues, the IBA management reported yesterday to its board of directors. The gloomy forecast was based on the degree to which budgetary limitations have been exceeded since the IBA's IS\$4 billion budget was officially approved in April of this year.

According to the report, the IBA faces a dire financial crisis unless ways can be found to increase income and cut expenditure. The board has placed the problem in the hands of IBA Director-General Uri Porat, asking him to prepare a short list of emergency fiscal measures, to be debated at the board's meeting next Wednesday.

Porat made it known before

yesterday's meeting that he wishes to reduce costs immediately in the areas of overtime, employment of freelancers and the hiring of outside studios. He also wishes to suspend expensive productions. The board of directors, however, does not wish to disrupt existing programme schedules, which include projects that Porat wants to shelve.

The IBA exceeded its budget in the previous fiscal year, as well as in 1982/83, according to the annual report of IBA comptroller Roma Avishai. In the television news department, for instance, regulations permit tenured employment for 62.5 persons. The number employed in 1982/83 was 82.

The 62.5 employees were supposed to work 120 hours per month, but many were paid for working 200 hours per month, without prior approval sought for the additional payroll outlay.

Zamir to decide whether
to prosecute former MK

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Attorney General Yitzhak Zamir will be asked to decide whether legal measures should be taken against former Knesset Member Michael Kleiner, of the Likud, who disrupted a pre-election assembly organized by the Alignment.

Tel Aviv Police commander Mirzav David Krause filed a complaint against Kleiner for disturbing the peace during the assembly in Kikar Namir on July 19. Some 50 Likud activists headed by Kleiner burst into the assembly, at which some 10,000 people were gathered, saying that the organizers were violating the election committee's ban on artists' performances during the election meetings.

Krause told the group that the election committee order applied to

performances by artists, not speeches by them. But the Likud activists continued to disrupt the assembly until policemen forcibly removed them from the square.

The Likud men, who had earlier that day installed loudspeakers in the window of a room of the Marina Hotel, overlooking the square, began playing the Likud election jingle on full volume, in an attempt to drown out the Alignment jingle towards the end of the assembly.

The Tel Aviv Police said yesterday that the investigation into the case had been completed and the material transferred to the attorney general, to decide what steps could be taken, if any.

Haifa to permit some
sidewalk car parking

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The municipality has passed a new bylaw permitting parking cars on certain sidewalks—yet to be designated—where this will not interfere with pedestrians.

The plan, aimed at easing the shortage of parking places, was approved by the municipal council on Tuesday night, but still has to be ratified by the Interior Ministry.

The council also plans to crack down on illegal pavement parking by towing away the vehicles or attaching wheel blocks.

Jem police question
men in grenade incident

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem Police questioned two men this week about an Israel Defence Forces hand grenade that was thrown at the Katamon home of an Arab tax consultant, Mussa Alyan, who has lived in the neighbourhood for 30 years.

Both men—one a soldier from the neighbourhood with whom Alyan had a family dispute, and the other an Arab with whom the tax consultant had a financial dispute—were released after questioning.

Contrary to earlier reports, Alyan is not a land dealer.

New capital postmark

Jerusalem Post Staff

Mail sent from the capital will bear a new English postal cancellation beginning next Tuesday, the Communications Ministry announced yesterday.

The new franking will read "Yerushalayim" instead of "Jerusalem." Philatelists are urged to send stamped envelopes to the Jerusalem district postal service (POB 99999) before August 21 if they wish to obtain the first-day cancellation.

Army donates 40% of MDA's blood

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Magen David Adom gets more than 70,000 blood donations a year in the Israel Defence Forces, accounting for more than 40 per cent of the contributions received by MDA, the organization's president, Arieh Harel, said here yesterday.

Addressing a ceremony in which outstanding IDF units got citations and MDA stations got the Operation Peace for Galilee ribbon, Harel said his organization would not have been able to meet the blood requirements if not for the IDF's contribution.

Diarrhea widespread among IDF units

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — More soldiers are suffering from diarrhea this summer than last year, the Israel Defence Forces chief medical officer Tati Aluf-Moshe Revah announced yesterday.

He said several hundred soldiers have been affected by food poisoning, the effects of which last from several hours to several days. But there have been no cases where entire units were incapacitated, he stressed.

Revah said it is not always clear

what causes outbreaks of gastrointestinal problems, but he believes it may be linked to a sudden spell of unusually hot weather.

A Medical Corps circular sent to IDF units instructs commanders to make sure the kitchens are clean and staffed by healthy soldiers. The IDF weekly *Bamahane* reported that in one unit in the Negev, a soldier was excused from training because of diarrhea—but was sent instead to work in the kitchen. Shortly afterward many soldiers in the unit came down with the malady.

In another ceremony the defence ministry gave Mekorot the Operation Peace for Galilee ribbon for its efforts in supplying water in Lebanon during the war.

Prostitute said attacked,
robbed by her client

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A man suspected of robbing a prostitute after having sexual relations with her was yesterday remanded into custody for five days by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court.

The prostitute complained to the police that Mohammed Jibbi, 28, paid her IS\$4,000, but subsequently attacked her, broke her hand, and took back the money.

The court told the police to bring the suspect to trial within the five days, otherwise he would be released.

Body of drowned man
washed up on TA beach

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A man's body was washed up on the beach here during Tuesday night. The dead man was identified as a 33-year-old resident of Petah Tikva.

TEETH. — The Education Ministry has introduced an experimental dental-health programme in 25 kindergartens and nursery schools in Jerusalem.

Demonstration planned
for unity government

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Telem, the Movement for Zionist Renewal, plans a demonstration next Tuesday evening in Kikar Malchei Yisrael in Tel Aviv to demand a national unity government.

The movement—not to be confused with the political party led by the late Moshe Dayan—normally devotes itself to aliyah absorption and Zionist education in the diaspora. It hopes for a turnout of 100,000 to convince the parties that the public desires a unity government.

Hutzot Hayotzer fair opens
in capital Saturday night

Jerusalem Post Reporter

An "Applied Arts" exhibition and sale opens at 9 p.m. Saturday night at Jerusalem's Hutzot Hayotzer artists and craftsmen's promenade near Jaffa Gate.

The event—sponsored by the East Jerusalem Development Company, City Hall and the Tourism Ministry—will also be open on Sunday from 5 to 11 p.m.



Representatives of the Israel Association of Ethiopian Jews at a news conference in Tel Aviv yesterday called to protest about the plight of their brethren. (See story, p. 1) (IPPA)

Tip lands Acre waiter in hospital twice

ACRE (Itim). — A waiter in a local restaurant yesterday ended up in the hospital twice in the same unlucky night.

Waiter Man'a Yihye began his run of bad luck by quarrelling with a colleague over a tip left by a customer late Tuesday night in Acre's Mifgash Ne'eman restaurant. Harsh words escalated into an ice cream-slinging match between the two, and then to blows.

In the midst of the brawl, the second waiter drew a knife and sliced Yihye's ear. Yihye was rushed to Nahariya government hospital, where his ear was stitched and where a friend came to pick him up early yesterday morning.

Shortly after leaving the hospital, the friend's car collided with a barrier at a nearby railroad crossing. Yihye and his friend were rushed back to the hospital in serious condition.

New settlers to be computerized at airport

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A computer that will eliminate the need for olim to fill out 15 different forms has been installed at Ben-Gurion Airport by the Absorption Ministry.

The computer cuts bureaucracy and possible mistakes made in the manual registration of olim arriving at the airport. It registers personal details, sets eligibility for ministry help, produces the aliyah certificate, issues the six-month free health-

insurance certificate, provides referrals to housing facilities, and even pays pocket money for initial expenses. The computer-filed information is then sent directly to ministry district offices.

According to a ministry press release, the computer will be linked up with the Interior Ministry's population register and to other government offices in order to locate relatives and to find out whether the olim previously stayed in Israel.

Thousands expected at Nazareth volunteer camp

By DAVID RUDGE
NAZARETH. — Several thousand people from Israel, the administered areas and overseas are expected to participate in the ninth International Volunteer Camp at Nazareth. The camp opened yesterday and will last four days.

The volunteers will perform various tasks including laying sewage and drainage pipes, paving sidewalks, decorating schools and clubs

and cleaning work that the municipality could not otherwise afford.

Some local contractors have also agreed to waive their fees on several building projects, including work on part of the town's new cultural centre.

A spokesman for the municipality said nearly 7,000 volunteers, including 250 Jews, took part in last year's camp, and a similar number are expected this time.

More Lebanese crossing
for jobs, visits, care

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — There has been an upsurge of activity at the Good Fence border station this summer, with larger numbers of Lebanese workers coming to find jobs and more visitors crossing over into Israel.

In July, a total of 11,700 workers crossed daily to jobs in Israel as compared with 8,400 in June. Most work in farming and construction in Galilee and return home every night. There were 3,000 visitors in June and 4,300 in July. The number of Lebanese seeking medical attention at the Metulla and Biran clinics also went up, from 1970 in June to 1,640 in July.

No specific reasons were given for the increases, but there is usually an upsurge in activity during the summer months.

Oil slick off Eilat
coast discovered
in good time

Eilat has suffered another ecological assault, the Interior Ministry's Environmental Protection Service disclosed yesterday.

According to Dr. Yuval Cohen, director of the sea-pollution unit, an oil slick "unconnected with last week's pollution of the Eilat beach and Coral Islands area" was discovered in the port area at 8.30 a.m. yesterday.

He said swift work by an expanded team of sanitation workers prevented the pollutant from escaping from the basin to the beach area. Cohen added that preventive pumping work would continue all through the night and possibly into this morning.

Meanwhile, the beaches and the coral nature preserves are clear, he said.

Golan Druse urged
to stop boycotting
Druse citizens

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Senior police officers met yesterday with Druse leaders in the Golan Heights and advised them strongly to lift their boycott of local Druse who have taken Israeli citizenship.

About 200 Golan Druse who hold Israeli citizenship became known to Druse extremists last month when they voted in the Knesset elections. The boycott includes barring their children from Druse schools.

Today Sheikh Salman Tyre, a Golan Druse notable, is due to publicize the names of those under boycott. The police officers yesterday warned him not to take this step.

Earlier in the week, the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Matiyahu Shmulevitz, met with representatives of the Golan Druse, the Interior Ministry and the Police. The Druse asked that they be permitted to trade with Syria, that their students be permitted to study in Damascus and that the border crossing at Majdal Shams be opened for mutual visits by Golan and Syrian Druse.

Also yesterday, the Israeli Druse spiritual leader, Sheikh Amin Tarif, speaking in Julis, denied reports that he had condemned Golan Druse who took Israeli citizenship. The contrary is true, he said.

Bail for 2 suspected
of defrauding jobless

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Two persons suspected of defrauding jobseekers were released on bail yesterday by the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court judge.

Naftali Tel Or and his friend, Amalia Kedar, are accused by the police of defrauding jobseekers through their "Silton Company," which placed advertisements in newspapers from February 1983 to January 1984 announcing "thousands of job offers at high salaries."

Hundreds of applicants responded and paid registration fees, but then they were referred to factories where there were no job openings. Some applicants, having registered and paid, did not even get one reference, the police said.

The judge ordered Tel Or and Kedar released on bail of IS\$50,000 each. The judge also ordered them to hand over their passports.

Kibbutz charged with
polluting stream

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Kibbutz Ein Hahoreh was charged in the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday with causing a public nuisance by letting its sewage flow into a nearby wadi.

The Central District Attorney noted that the kibbutz has a sewage purifying plant and should ensure that all its sewage is processed through it. The case will be heard next month.

Nabhus connected to
national electricity grid

NABLUS (Itim). — The Israel Electric Corporation yesterday linked Nablus to the national electricity grid and will now supply most of the city's electricity.

The IEC will supply 2.5 megawatts of power from the grid and the remainder of the city's consumption will be met by two generators installed by the IEC.

The link-up was initiated by the Judea and Samaria civil administration, which is to pay the IEC directly for the power from rate fees it collects from residents.

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To: Members of the Knesset

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The Committee turns to the leaders of the religious parties not to exploit the existing national emergency situation in order to press for such legislation. The Committee particularly cautions against correction of the definition of a "Jew" in the Law of Return, against legislation which would widen the authority of the Rabbinical courts, and against the "Archeological Law".

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Soviets: Reagan's joke hostile and dangerous

MOSCOW (Reuters). - The Soviet Union yesterday denounced President Reagan's joke about bombing Russia, saying it was unprecedented in its hostility and a danger to peace.

A statement issued by Tass news agency said: "The Soviet Union deplores the U.S. president's provocative, unprecedented hostile remarks towards the USSR and dangerous to the cause of peace."

The comment, worded to indicate Kremlin authority, followed Soviet television and newspaper condemnation of Reagan's joke, made in a

microphone test before a radio broadcast last Saturday and inadvertently broadcast to reporters.

"His conduct is incompatible with the high responsibility borne by leaders of states, particularly nuclear powers, for the destinies of their own peoples and for the destinies of mankind," the statement said.

The Communist party newspaper Pravda said Reagan had "blabbed out what is permanently on his mind, but what he was recently forced to keep silent on in the context of his election campaign."

UK miners, police clash for third day

LONDON (AP). - For the third straight day, striking British coal miners clashed with policemen outside working collieries yesterday, while the state-run National Coal Board reported a steady drift back to work with the dispute now in its 23rd week. The police said 17 pickets were arrested in scattered incidents.

In London, the threat of a second dock strike within a month loomed as leaders of Britain's 35,000 dockworkers met with port managers in a dispute over British Steel Corporation's plan to use crane operators instead of longshoremen to unload a coal ship.

In mid-July, a 13-day dockwork-

ers' strike - an offshoot of the miners' strike - paralyzed three-quarters of British trade.

In eastern Scotland, the Coal Board announced that two out of three coal faces at Castlehill mine in Fife are to be abandoned because the mine's tunnels are in serious disrepair.

Leaders of the 183,000-strong National Union of Mineworkers have refused to allow safety work to be carried out in many of Britain's 175 mines since the strike was launched on March 12 over a coal board plan to close 20 money-losing mines and shed 20,000 jobs within a year.

Swedish father fined \$12 for beating son

GAELLIVARE, Sweden (Reuters). - A Swedish father who barked his son has been fined by a court after the son reported him to the police, the public prosecutor's office said yesterday.

Kjell Abrahamsson, a teacher, gave his son Niklas, aged 11, three strokes on the head with a birch rod for taking his younger brother on his bicycle in traffic despite instructions not to.

A court in this north Swedish town fined Abrahamsson 100 crowns (\$12) for assault. Under Swedish Law, parents are forbidden to use corporal punishment on their children.

Abrahamsson said later: "Since the Law is the way it is, I suppose I must accept the sentence. I regard the whole thing as an occupational hazard."

Iranian ministers sacked, appointed

TEHERAN (Reuters). - Iran's Majlis (parliament) yesterday ratified three ministerial appointments, only hours after it sacked five ministers in an implicit rebuke for Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi's administration.

The five ministers - almost a quarter of the cabinet and including defence minister Mohammad Salimi - lost votes of confidence in the 270-

seat chamber Tuesday night, just two days after Mousavi himself comfortably survived a similar challenge.

The ministers of health, education, industry and higher education also lost their jobs, and diplomats said Mousavi, a 41-year-old former architect and newspaper editor, is likely to have difficulty finding replacements.

British to Soviets: Discuss space weapons

LONDON (Reuters). - Britain yesterday urged the Soviet Union to stand by a proposal it made in June for talks with the UN on limiting weapons in space.

"Having deployed this proposal themselves, the Soviets' unwillingness to move to the negotiating table is puzzling and disappointing," Junior Foreign Office Minister

Richard Luce said in a statement released by the Foreign Office.

On June 29 Moscow proposed that the talks start in Vienna in September. Washington accepted immediately, but Moscow balked at U.S. insistence on discussing stalled talks on limiting medium and long-range nuclear arms.

S. African students protest new elections

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). - Sporadic and sometimes violent student boycotts hit South African schools and universities today in the run-up to controversial elections for new coloured (mixed race) and Indian chambers of parliament, student leaders said.

Hundreds of students from the coloured University of the Western Cape and from the mixed University of Cape Town have voted in favour

of boycotts to protest against the elections, according to statements from student bodies.

A new constitution, which provides for coloured and Indian elections later this month has been attacked by opponents of the government for excluding the country's black majority.

Classes were disrupted in at least a dozen schools near Pretoria, Johannesburg and in the Eastern Cape Province over a variety of student demands, education officials said.

The first legal strike by black South African gold miners is looming as a real possibility, but experts are uncertain what effect a stoppage would have on the country's most vital industry.

Wage talks between the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) and the Chamber of Mines, which groups South Africa's leading mining companies, broke down this week after the sides had been in dispute for more than two months.

The chamber implemented wage rises averaging 13.8 per cent in July. The NUM says this is unsatisfactory, although it has given up its original claim for 25 per cent.

Writer J.B. Priestley dies at 89

LONDON (Reuters). - British writer J.B. Priestley, one of the world's most prolific and socially conscious writers, died peacefully on Tuesday. He was 89.

His publishers, Heinemann, said he had died at his home in Stratford-on-Avon after a few days illness.

U.S. in dispute with Unesco over funds

PARIS (AP). - The U.S., which intends to withdraw from Unesco at the end of the year, is involved in a new dispute with the agency over a return of \$80 million from a currency-fluctuation account, western diplomats said yesterday.

They said Britain and other western nations also were not satisfied with replies from the Unesco secretariat on when the funds would be paid and what would happen to the interest the account earns.

The U.S. said last year it was withdrawing from Unesco because it had become too politicized, was opposed to such democratic institutions as a free market and a free press and did not exercise budgetary restraint. Britain and the Netherlands have

Japanese in Manchuria

Proof found of World War II human experiments

TOKYO (AP). - Japanese university professors have discovered documentary evidence that bacteriological and poison-gas experiments were conducted on prisoners of war by a Japanese army unit in Manchuria before and during World War II, professor Akira Tanaka of Keio University said yesterday.

Tanaka, head of a private research group on World War II, said a colleague, Prof. Takao Matsumura, discovered the two reports of the Manchuria-based 731st Unit through a Tokyo bookstore specializing in old documents.

Tanaka said the reports were accidentally found by the bookstore in a pile of old books and documents

discarded by a former 731st Unit officer. Tanaka refused to identify the officer.

The 731st Unit, often called the Ishii Unit after its founder, General Shiro Ishii, is known to have conducted bacteriological and poison-gas experiments on Chinese, Russian, and American prisoners of war before 1945.

The testimonies of former members of the unit on the unit's experiments were published two years ago in a bestselling book called *Devil's Gluttony* by Japanese author Seichi Morimura.

However, there was no documentary evidence on the experiments that supported the testi-

monies.

One document discovered by Matsumura is an undated report on the results of an injection experiment using tetanus toxin and spores. According to the report, at least three persons died after the experiment, Tanaka said.

The other report, dated September 1940, is on various experiments with mustard gas, a poison gas that damages the respiratory system. It was used extensively in Europe during World War I and by Japanese troops in China during World War II.

The report gives detailed descriptions of the effects of mustard gas shells on 21 "experimentees," and

says unit members forced the human guinea pigs to drink water diluted with the poison gas.

The report does not say how many people died in the particular experiment. As many as 3,000 prisoners of war are believed to have been killed in experiments conducted by the 731st Unit.

After the war, members of the 731st Unit were ordered to refrain from divulging information on the unit, while top officials, including Ishii, were said to have been granted immunity from prosecution by U.S. officials in exchange for scientific data obtained in the human experiments.

World energy forecast:

15% nuclear power by '85

VIENNA (Reuters). - The UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said in its annual report yesterday that nuclear power will provide 15 per cent of world electricity in 1985 despite a decline in plant construction.

The IAEA forecast total world nuclear-generating capacity in 1985 at 255 to 275 gigawatts. (A gigawatt is one billion watts.)

The report said that at the end of 1983, nuclear power provided 12 per cent of the world's electricity, and

total installed nuclear-generating capacity was 191 gigawatts.

Despite the forecast, there was a continued nuclear slowdown in several countries, most notably in the U.S.

The IAEA said nuclear-power-plant investment costs, which amount to 80 per cent of the costs for producing electricity, continued to rise sharply. As a result, there was more concern about the technical and economic performance of plants.

Woman killed, burned husband

SAN JOSE, California (AP). - A woman accused of fatally shooting her husband and allegedly burning his body in the family barbecue has been convicted of first-degree murder.

After deliberating 2½ days, the Santa Clara County Superior Court jury Monday convicted Dianne Ellyon of shooting her husband Elroy to death in 1983.

Judge R. Donald Chapman re-

fused to set bail pending an appeal, and sent the 36-year-old hair stylist, who had been free on bond during the trial, to jail.

Sentencing was scheduled for August 27. Mrs. Fellman could be sentenced to life in prison.

Prosecutor Richard Gardner said the woman killed her 39-year-old husband because he had multiple sclerosis and she didn't want to care for him.

Gandhi: India has nuclear power, not weapons

NEW DELHI (AP). - Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said yesterday that although India has acquired the capability to manufacture nuclear weapons, it does not have a single atomic bomb.

Addressing the nation from the

ramparts of the historic 16th century Red Fort on the 57th anniversary of India's independence from Britain, Gandhi said the country's nuclear capability was being used for "peaceful purposes" like electricity generation, farming and medical research.

Ugandan officer to be tried for massacre

LONDON (AP). - The officer in charge of what clergymen say was the massacre of more than 100 persons at a Christian martyrs' shrine in Uganda will be put on public trial.

The Daily Telegraph reported here yesterday.

The newspaper also quoted Ugandan Information Minister David Anyosi as saying soldiers involved in the action at Namugongo on May 22 were in pursuit of insurgents at the time, but that this could not excuse their conduct.

The Ugandan government, which has said 12 persons died in the attack 16 kilometres from the capital, previously had announced the arrest of a soldier in connection with the incident.

Thousands of pilgrims visit a shrine in the town that memorializes

30 Ugandans burned to death 99 years ago for refusing to renounce Christianity.

Elliot Abrams, a U.S. assistant secretary of state, told an American congressional subcommittee this month that Uganda's human-rights record is among the world's worse and that thousands had died from direct army action or starvation. "The figure that circulates in Kampala is 100,000 to 120,000 people," Abrams said.

The British Foreign Office said last week it had ordered the British Embassy in Kampala to carry out an investigation of the following Abrams' accusations, and the London Times said yesterday the probe cast doubts on his charges of widespread atrocities.

Loot still missing

Hitler diary case to be tried next week

HAMBURG (AP). - The Hitler diary hoax goes to court soon, but the fortune lost in recorded history's biggest literary swindle remains missing 16 months after investigators began probing the bizarre case.

A prominent West German journalist and a Stuttgart Nazi regalia dealer face trial next Tuesday on charges of bilking *Stern* magazine out of DM39.3 million (\$1.08 billion) for the 62 faked journals.

If convicted of fraud, fired Stern reporter Gerd Heidemann and artifacts dealer Konrad Kujau each face up to 10 years behind bars.

Heidemann and Kujau were jailed in May, 1982. Kujau, 46, soon con-

fessed to forging the books and implicated Heidemann.

Heidemann, a veteran investigative reporter who convinced his publishers to buy the hardbound volumes and personally took delivery of them, has denied all charges against him.

The 52-year-old journalist, who had been assigned by *Stern* to investigate Germany's Nazi past, claims he believed the journals to be authentic and was the victim, not perpetrator, of the massive swindle.

Prosecutors allege that Heidemann pocketed at least DM1.7 million (\$196 million) and paid Kujau another DM1.5 million from cash

the publishers shelled out for the bogus books.

Heidemann reportedly bought luxury apartments, trips, jewelry and cars, and poured money into his pet project - restoring his yacht Carin II, which belonged to Nazi Luftwaffe chief Hermann Goering.

According to reports in the West German news media, Kujau bought two apartments, a row house and a storage shed for his collection of military memorabilia and Nazi artifacts.

Court officials expect the trial to last at least eight months, with the list of witnesses numbering several hundred.

Hunters seek to trap Loch Ness monster

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP). - The annual monster-hunting season is in full swing at Loch Ness, and a glass-fibre tube baited with live fish is the latest trap being laid for legendary "Nessie."

"I am convinced there is something down there, but the only way to prove it to the world is to catch it," said Stephen Whittle, a 25-year-old civil service clerk who is spending his summer holiday monster-hunting.

Records dating back to the sixteenth century report hundreds of sightings of large, strange creatures in the 38-kilometre-long, 232-metre-deep loch between Inverness and Fort William. But scientific investigation has brought no decisive results.

Theories have ranged from otters, giant eels or birds taking flight to tricks of light on the dark loch waters or masses of decomposing vegetation blown to the surface by gas. If a monster exists, scientists have speculated, it could be descended from a dinosaur trapped in the loch since the Ice Age.

Whittle and a dedicated band of about 30 helpers are building their 20-metre by 6-metre trap at the loch side. A helicopter will lower it into the water August 28 and suspend it below a floating platform.

Live fish will be put inside the tube to tempt the monster and a four-man crew on the platform will monitor the tube through cameras and electronic sensors.

If anything large and mysterious takes the bait, a trap door will seal the tube.

Nessie will then be winched to the

Sports

Vitas at war

TORONTO (AP). - Amid clashes with the umpire and fans, eight-seeded Vitas Gerulaitis escaped a gutsy performance by fellow American Tim Wilkison in second-round action to advance in the \$450,000 Player's International Tennis tournament. Gerulaitis, who won the 1982 Canadian Open here, survived three match points against him while needing two hours, 26 minutes to subdue Wilkison 6-7, 6-1, 7-6.

Three other seeds advanced to the second round as no. 12 Bill Scanlon stopped fellow-American Robert Seguso 7-6, 7-5; no. 14 Henri Leconte of France, edged Cassio Motta of Brazil 4-6, 7-6, 6-6; and no. 15 Heinz Günthardt of Switzerland defeated American Steve Meister 6-4, 7-6. Shlomo Glickstein has still to play his second round match.

Gerulaitis lost the opening set 6-4 after a run-in with three spectators seated behind him. Trailing 3-4, Gerulaitis nearly came to blows with a man in the stands. The two sides exchanged remarks to one another before Gerulaitis was given a delay-of-game violation warning by umpire George Rastbach.

Then, after hitting a winning volley, Gerulaitis swung around and slammed the ball into the best seats where the man was sitting. Rastbach charged him with a penalty point, and Gerulaitis trailed 4-1.

"I really don't know - I forget," Gerulaitis said when asked what the dispute was about. "I disturbed him, he disturbed me, and then we disturbed each other back and forth for a while."

"I really should learn to stop getting upset like that," he added.

Budd's view

LONDON (AP). - Zola Budd, Britain's South African-born teenage track star, went on television about the controversial clash which cost America's favourite Mary Decker the chance of an Olympic gold medal, after Decker and Budd collided.

Interviewed by Britain's Independent Television News, Budd said the race lost its importance for her after Decker's fall.

"It all happened so fast. I lost my balance and the next thing I knew she fell. We ran into each other. I lost my balance and struggled to regain it and she fell on my left leg."

"I felt terrible because she fell, especially in an Olympic final. It wasn't important for me any more to race. The crowd started to boo and I really didn't feel like running any more."

Wrong song

LOS ANGELES (AP). - Mexico's Consul-General wasn't too pleased when the orchestra at the Olympic closing ceremonies played "Gracias" during the big fireworks salute to all the cities that have hosted the games.

The song, although written by the late Mexican composer Agustin Lara, is actually a tribute to the city of Granada in Spain. And Mexico, which hosted the Games in 1968, fought and won its revolution against Spain 100 years ago.

"I was amazed," said consul-general Javier Escobar V. Cordova, who was sitting in the stands at Memorial Coliseum. "It was a most unpleasant surprise."

Blue Jays soar

NEW YORK (AP). - The Toronto Blue Jays made up ground on the Detroit Tigers with a doubleheader sweep on Tuesday night, while the American League East leaders were dropping a pair.

George Bell homered in both games as the Blue Jays swept the Cleveland Indians 8-1 and 5-5. The Tigers, meanwhile, were beaten 6-4, 12-1 by the California Angels as Doug DeCinces contributed key hits in both games, cutting their advantage over the Blue Jays to 7½ games.

American League

Toronto 8, Cleveland 1, 1st game; Toronto 9, Cleveland 5, 2nd game; California 12, Detroit 4, 1st game; California 12, Detroit 4, 2nd game; Oakland 4, Baltimore 3; Seattle 2, New York 1; Texas 9, Chicago 3; Boston 8, Kansas City 2; Minnesota 3, Milwaukee 2.

National League

Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 1; St. Louis 8, Cincinnati 2; Houston 1, Chicago 6; San Diego 3, Philadelphia 2; New York 4, Los Angeles 6; Montreal 7, San Francisco 6.

Old's winning switch

LONDON (AP). - Former Yorkshire and England test bowler Chris Old returned to Headingly to bowl Warwickshire to victory against his old county and to create a record.

Old, who bowled counties last year, became the only bowler to take more than ten wickets in a match for and against Yorkshire. Playing for Yorkshire 15 years, Old returned match figures of 11 for 46 against Gloucestershire. Bowling for Warwickshire at the home of Yorkshire cricket, he bagged six for 46 to add to his five for 53 in the first innings, as his new county beat its old colleagues by 191 runs. Old also scored 52 in Warwickshire's first innings.

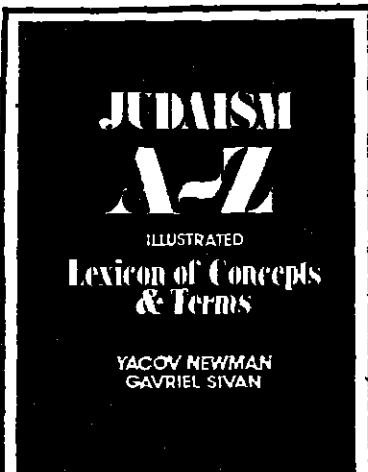
John Lever made sure Essex stayed well in front of their rivals in the county championship by taking ten Somerset wickets at Chelmsford. Lever took five for 62 as Somerset was all out for 199 in its second innings to lose by 85 runs.

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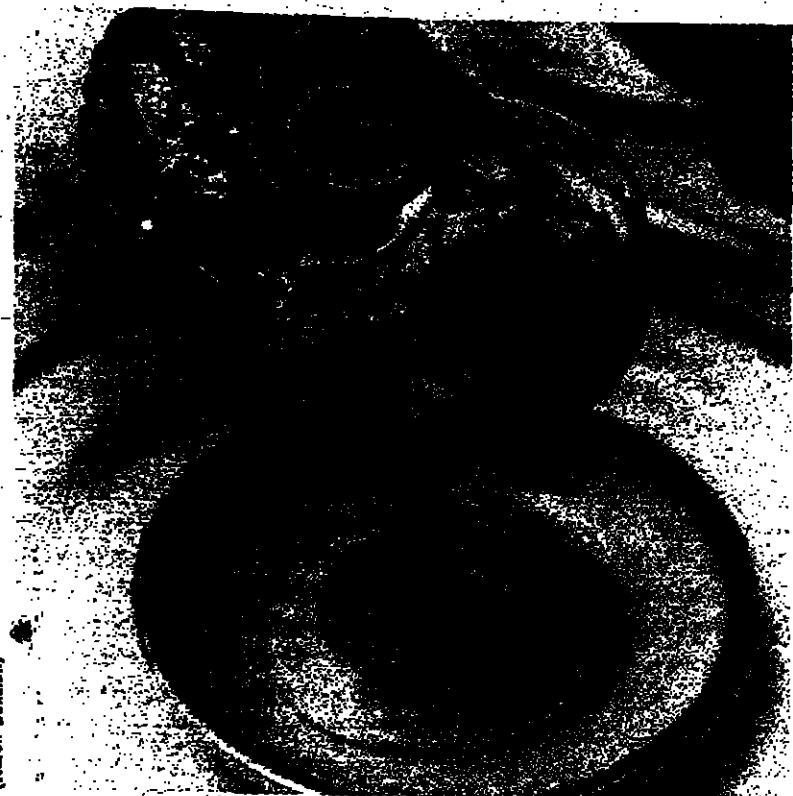
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Catering and food

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Practising a tasty art

Bessie Springson looks back on her 32 years as a caterer.

TO OUTSIDERS catering appears to be quite simple: just cook and present. Little do they know of the many headaches and frustrations behind the scenes.

When I began catering shortly after the War of Independence, no mushrooms or avocados were grown in this country, and many other ingredients required were unavailable.

Today that is no problem, but there are others, some of them typically Israeli. Caterers must contend with some of the kitchen staff and waiters not turning up because they have been called up for reserve army duty; a deadly *hamshin* can hit on the day of a garden party; or the electricity can fail just when you are in the middle of baking.

Another problem for the local caterer is that our towns are pretty small and many of the same people rub elbows at functions and cocktail parties.

My greatest challenge was to present oriental tidbits and Israeli appetizers to a distinguished gathering of gourmets, for the opening of the Fifth World Gastronomic Congress and the initiation ceremony of the Chaine des Rotisseurs which took place at the Tower of David in November 1968.

It was not long after the Six Day War and the area was just a dusty mass of stones.

With much imagination, loads of flowers, proper lighting and a very colourful long buffet, it was transformed for that night into a very impressive place. The guests from all the world were quite excited and crowded round the buffet, complimenting me on the catering.

On that occasion I introduced a new creation which was quite intriguing to the guests and much appreciated; the elongated, huge Hebron grapes were at their best then and I stuffed them with a mixture of minced orange, ketchup and a touch of Worcestershire sauce, each grape placed on a slice of serrated carrot. In all, a most unusual and tasty appetizer.

Mishaps occur in the kitchen from time to time. When I ran the restaurant "La Fondou" the chef had to leave the kitchen and asked a newly engaged help to watch the skillet that had just been placed on the gas to sauté onions. When the chef re-

turned he almost fell on his back when he found his assistant patiently "watching" as the oil boiled over. "How long must I watch the skillet?" asked the help.

A most gratifying experience was being invited to the residence of the late Golda Meir, when she was foreign minister, to cater for some guests of whom eight were ambassadors concluding their terms of office. She was satisfied with my performance and subsequently invited me again and again.

But the biggest compliment she paid me was at a dinner I catered for the Gabon ambassador at which Golda Meir was guest of honour. Some time after the main course had been served the waiter returned to the kitchen saying, "G'voret Meir said that although she is on a strict diet the dish was so delicious that she would appreciate a second helping."

There are also sad and disappointing occasions. The late president Ben-Zvi was to throw a garden party for Independence Day. All arrangements had been planned for me to cater on May 22, 1962 in the public grounds near the Knesset for 250-300 diplomats and 2,500 other guests, but alas, the president fell ill and passed away, and so did my proud moments.

Very soon after the Six Day War there was a meeting of the aviation council, including generals Weizman and Hod and top brass of the air force. The meeting took place at the recently occupied Atarot airport, the buildings shot up and half ruined. I was asked to serve a luncheon.

There were no facilities whatsoever in the kitchen; the refrigerator was dotted with bullet holes. There was a sink, but no pipes or drainage beneath it. In spite of all this, we managed to serve a meat luncheon in time.

Catering calls for good organization. One day I had to cater for a bar mitzva, a Swedish musical evening which took place at the Bank of Israel and a home reception. Fortunately, I had time to arrange the buffets one after the other. Then I rushed by car from place to place, doing my rounds many times during the evening to see how my assistants were coping. All went so well that each client had no idea I was working elsewhere.

CONVENIENCE foods, once abhorred by the Israeli housewife as low quality and costly alternatives to home cooking, have recently experienced an unprecedented boom. In fact, the entire field of convenience foods — ready-made pastry doughs, frozen TV dinners and heat-and-serve delicacies — is the fastest growing sector in the local food industry.

The overwhelming receptiveness of the public to the once-taboo fast foods reflects — probably more accurately than extensive surveys by social scientists — the changing trends in Israeli society.

As the number of working women and the percentage of singles and divorcees increase, so does the demand for convenience foods.

According to Bob Kreimer, chief

Fast and frozen

Heat-and-serve foods are more in demand than ever before, reports Barbara Amouyal.

buyer for the Supersol chain, ready-made foods have attracted so many buyers that new companies are entering the market every few months

in hopes of securing "a piece of the pie."

Just last year, three top manufacturers — Elite, Osem and Sunfrost —

joined forces to form Madanot, a company specializing in frozen ready-made foods. With each parent company contributing its expertise, Madanot has come out with such items as frozen pancakes, blintzes, pizza, ravioli, falafel and sausage rolls (kosher, of course).

"And each and every product is selling at a terrific pace," says Tuvia Shleiner of the Tnuva Hyperstok chain.

But convenience foods are also a pretty accurate economic barometer. Says Dalia Ophir, marketing manager of the Coop Supermarket chain, "This is the first thing to go when people start to feel the pinch." She cites the big scare during the October devaluation last year as an example of market conditions and

their effect on demand: "Last October and November showed a levelling off, almost a decline, in the purchase of frozen fast foods."

Other conditions affecting demand for the products are prices of "twin commodities." For example, when vegetables were really cheap last winter, people bought frozen frozen prepared vegetable mixes. When a glut of turkey caused prices to plummet, people bought frozen frozen hamburger patties and frozen meat dinners.

But people are buying nevertheless. Market conditions aside, the demand for the "Big 4" — the categories of meat, vegetable, fish and dough-based products — are known to members of the trade, is definitely on the rise.

Very edible egg plant

Esther Hecht discovers the dark secret of cooking with aubergine.

pulp in the refrigerator till the next day.

Since the base of many eggplant salads is a mayonnaise, it is economical to make your own. Tales of the horrors of mayonnaise-making — of the need to add the oil drop by drop lest the mayonnaise curdle — belong to the days when people used hand-whisks. Blenders and food-processors do all the work today, and making mayonnaise is a breeze.

After I prepare mayonnaise, I leave a little in the food-processor for the eggplant salad, and so save washing utensils.

Food-Processor Mayonnaise
1 egg
1 tsp. ground mustard
1 tsp. salt
dash of cayenne (red pepper)
¼ cup salad oil
½ cup salad oil
3 tbs. lemon juice or cider vinegar
½ cup salad oil

Combine first five ingredients (egg and oil should be at room temperature) in the blender or processor, blending until well mixed. With the machine still running, take off the cover and slowly add ¼ cup salad oil and lemon juice or vinegar. Then slowly add remaining ½ cup of oil and blend until thick. (The whole process should take about five minutes.)

In the unlikely event that the mayonnaise does curdle, don't despair. Remove the mayonnaise from the blender or food-processor, wash and dry the container and put

an egg-yolk in it. With the machine running add the curdled mayonnaise very, very slowly to the yolk and blend until thick.

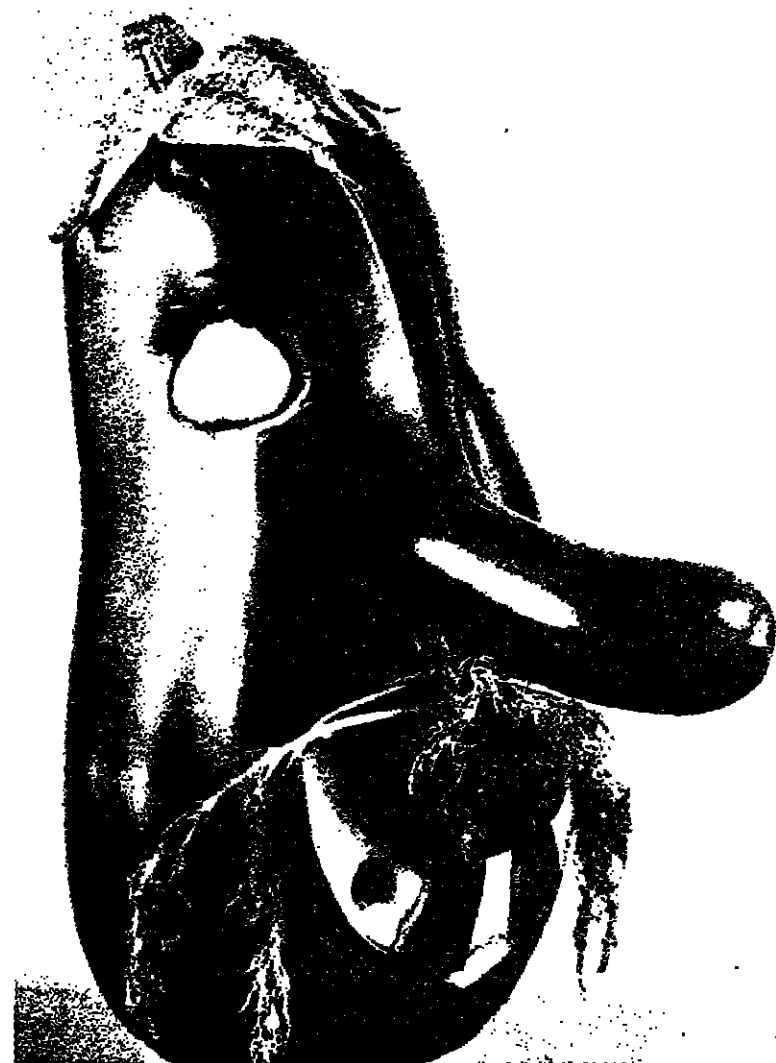
Refrigerate the mayonnaise immediately. In a covered jar it will keep for weeks. This recipe makes 1½ cups mayonnaise, and it is safe to double or triple the recipe!

Mayonnaise and Vinegar Eggplant Salad
2 med. eggplants
2-3 med. cloves garlic
½ tsp. salt
½ cup cider vinegar
½ cup mayonnaise
1 med. bunch parsley or dill (optional)

Char the eggplants, cool and remove the pulp. In a blender or food-processor, mix the garlic, salt, vinegar, mayonnaise and herbs until fully blended. If you use a food-processor, crush the garlic before adding it.

You can now mash the eggplants by hand with a fork or a potato masher, and mix them in by hand to the mayonnaise-vinegar base; or, add the eggplants and blend very briefly in the machine (three or four "spurts" in the food processor). This salad should have a lumpy texture. If blended too long it will taste the same but will be very creamy.

Tehina and Lemon Eggplant Salad
2 med. eggplants
2-3 med. cloves garlic
½ cup undiluted tehina
½ cup lemon juice
½-1 tsp. salt
1 med. bunch parsley (optional)



(Lester J. Millman)

Char the eggplants, cool, and remove the pulp. In a blender or food-processor, mix the garlic, tehina, lemon juice and parsley until fully blended. If you use a food-processor, crush the garlic before adding it. Now proceed as for the mayonnaise and vinegar salad, adding the eggplants to the seasoned base. Add salt at the end, to taste.

This makes a very lemony salad which will thicken when refrigerated.

EGGPLANT salad can be served as a dip with crackers or pieces of pita, or with fresh vegetables. As an appetizer, serve it on a leaf of lettuce, garnished with olives and pieces of fresh vegetables. The salad can also be served as an accompaniment to a main fish, chicken or meat dish.

Dairy for dinner

Aviva Bar-Am

Dough:

1 cup flour
70 gm. margarine
½ tsp. salt
2-3 T. ice water or cold milk.
Filling:
2 packages of frozen spinach (400 gm. each), cooked in a minimum of water and drained well
½ cup mayonnaise, mixed with ½ tsp. salt and ¼ tsp. lemon juice
200 gm. Emek or Nahariya cheese, grated
100 gm. Tal Haemek cheese, grated

To make the dough, crumb the first three ingredients. Add liquid slowly. Mix with fork until a ball is formed. This can be stored (wrapped) in the refrigerator or used immediately. Roll out on floured board to fit a 9 inch pie pan. Place carefully in greased pan and pinch the rim (fluting). Mix the cheeses together, then add the spinach and the mayonnaise. Pour this on the dough. Bake 45-50 minutes at 350°F (180°C). Cool 5 minutes before cutting. This freezes well.

Broiled Tuna-wiches

Serves 6
200 gm. can tuna, drained
1 cup chopped celery (frozen is fine)
6 slices of any yellow cheese
1 small onion, minced
¼ cup mayonnaise
salt and pepper to taste
3 large soft rolls, like hamburger buns
Mix tuna, celery, onion, mayonnaise, salt and pepper together. Slice rolls in half. On each half place ½ of tuna mixture and cover with a slice of cheese. Place in oven and

broil until the cheese is melted and slightly brown.

Classic Cheese Bake

This is an easy, blintzy type dish.

Serves 8.
Batter:
1½ cups flour
1½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
100 gm. saltless margarine
2 eggs
¼ cup sugar
¼ cup milk

Filling:
2 packages of 9% white cheese
2 T. butter
1 egg
1 T. sugar
1½ T. sour cream
pinch salt
Prepare batter as for a cake. Mix filling in mixer. Pour ½ of batter into a well greased 9 inch square pan. Add filling and cover with the rest of the batter. Bake at 350°F (180°C) for 1 hour. Serve with sour cream and jam. Freezes well after baking.

Crusty Carrot Pudding
A delicious way to use up stale bread and to convince the kids to eat carrots. Serves 6
2 cups cooked carrots, mashed
¼ cup sugar
2 eggs
2 cups white bread without crust, soaked in 1 cup milk, and mashed
2 tsp. baking powder
100 gm. soft butter or dairy margarine
75 gm. raisins, rinsed and drained.
Cream margarine, add the rest. Place in a greased, 1½ qt. pyrex round dish. Bake uncovered for 1 hour and 15 minutes at 350°F (180°C). The pudding should be crusty on top and firm in the middle.

Easy Macaroni and Cheese

Serves 6-8
2 cups raw elbow macaroni (1 pkg)
300 gm. cheddar cheese, grated
2½ cups milk
2 eggs
1-1½ tsp. salt (to taste)
2 T. butter

Cook macaroni in salted boiling water for 6-7 minutes, until almost done. Rinse well with cold water, and drain. Place macaroni in greased, 2 qt. pyrex dish. Add eggs mixed with salt and milk. Mix in most of the cheese. Dot butter on top and sprinkle on the rest of the cheese. Bake 50 minutes at 350°F (180°C). This is even better reheated and freezes well.

Creamy Cabbage

Serves 4-6
1 medium cabbage, shredded (about 6 cups)
50 gm. butter
1½ tsp. salt
1 T. lemon juice

1 egg
1 cup sour cream
2 T. sugar

Cook cabbage in butter over low heat for 40 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add sugar, lemon juice, and salt and continue cooking for a few more minutes. Beat the egg and sour cream together. Add this to the cabbage, mixing steadily until it begins to thicken.

Cottage Cheese Kugel

Serves 8.
1 package broad noodles (200 gm.), cooked and drained
1 jar sour cream (½ cup)
1 carton cottage cheese (1 cup)
4 beaten eggs
50 gm. melted butter or margarine
¼ chopped apples
½ cup raisins (rinse them first)
½ tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
Mix all together and bake at 300°F (150°C) for 1½ hours in 2 or 2½ qt. greased pyrex dish.

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Scientists plan windmill 'farms' in the Golan

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Windmill "farms" and fanned dynamos placed inside water pipelines are two ideas in the late planning stages at the Energy Ministry, where scientists are pushing their drive to produce electric power locally in the Golan Heights and the Galilee Panhandle.

In a scheme already under discussion between the ministry and Water Commissioner Zerah Yishai, a number of windmill complexes, capable of producing a total of 40 megawatts of electricity, would be set up in the Golan Heights.

Concurrently, several hydro-electric power plants would be established along water pipeline routes on the heights. The combined output power of these two sources would gradually be fed into the power grid that supplies electricity for water pumping in the Golan Heights and Galilee Panhandle, and for peak-hour stand-by supplies of industrial and domestic electricity.

The plan also calls for utilizing Tapline, the former oil pipeline traversing the Golan, as a north-to-south water carrier.

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U.S. revival hasn't helped local furriers

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The international fur trade has revived and is flourishing as a result of the U.S. economic revival. But in Israel, the trade is dying, the furriers skinned by the government's fiscal policies, a leading furrier and exporter, Shlomo Kuehnreich of the Kuehnreich Brothers company, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

He was asked to comment on international press reports that the price of furs is rising thanks to the U.S. boom.

Kuehnreich said that a number of Israeli fur exporters had shut up shop or cut down their activities to a minimum.

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TRAINING. — Two hundred and thirty-five olim teachers this summer participated in special retraining schemes organized by the Education and Absorption Ministries.

Arab, Druse industrialization 'progressing'

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Company for the Development of the Arab and Druse Sector has made "some progress" in the past year towards industrializing villages in Israel, "but considerably more has to be done," says company head Uri Thon.

Although formally attached to Koor Industries, the company is actually run by Hevrat Ha'odim, whose secretary, Danny Rosolio, is the moving spirit behind the entire project.

Thon himself was adviser on Arab affairs for many years to the late Yigal Allon.

"The need for a concerted joint effort was felt some years ago," Thon says, "but it was only in August, 1983, that the company was set up. Until then, Koor concentrated most of its efforts on setting up industries in the Jewish sector."

But the situation in the minorities sector became more and more pressing. True, there were 410 undertakings in, or near, these villages. But

most were quite small, ranging from those employing three persons in a workshop to those employing about 100 in a small factory. But the latter generally made textiles, and the wages were very low.

"Most men left the village in the morning to work in the nearby towns and cities; they returned late in the evening. The same held true for women working outside the home. It soon became apparent that one solution would be to create places of work within the village itself, or on its outskirts." (This is the pattern established by the kibbutzim in industrializing themselves)

Moreover, another problem became acute. The number of Arab and Druse graduates of institutions of higher education was increasing rapidly. "In the three years 1984 through 1986 the some 460 engineers from the Technion will graduate from among the minorities."

The 460 are roughly divided into three main groups: engineering and architecture, mechanics, computers and electronics, chemistry and food.

Thon adds that "in Kfar Yasif in the Galilee alone, there are some 400 persons with a university education; most studied in Israel. Of these, 22 are physicians working in their profession, and another 70 who are studying medicine either in Israel, and abroad. The population of Yasif is 5,600."

The company thus had a double problem: finding work for both villagers whose education ranged from basic and who were common labourers, and for those who were profes-

sionals with several thousand highly skilled technicians looking for jobs.


The company functions on several basic premises: Firstly, the Arabs and Druse finance as much as possible of future projects. (Some \$5.5 million has already been put up or earmarked, by Arab and Druse sources for plants and other undertakings; a like sum has been put up by various Histadrut affiliates.) Secondly, despite Jewish money, the undertakings are carefully examined regarding their ability to survive and make a profit.

Finding viable undertakings proved a huge stumbling block. For example, out of the first 20 examined, 14 were rejected as being unsuitable, another four still being examined, and only two got the green light.

One is setting up a tefah factory in Umm el-Fahm at a cost of about \$300,000. The second is a joint effort between Yuval Gad and an Arab firm on a project in the field of industrialized construction.

Other projects are not in industry, but in retailing. They include setting up a hypermarket in Nazareth with the help of the Haifa Co-Op and Tnuva. It will cover 1,800 square metres, will cost \$1,250,000, and employ 70 persons.

Also planned are a supermarket in Shfar'am, of 1,100 sq.m. at a cost of \$800,000; a hypermarket in Umm el-Fahm, of 2,500 sq.m. at a cost of \$1,750,000; a small supermarket in Baka al-Gharbiya; and supermarkets in Kfar Yasif and in the Negev at Rahat, a village of some 17,000 Beduin.



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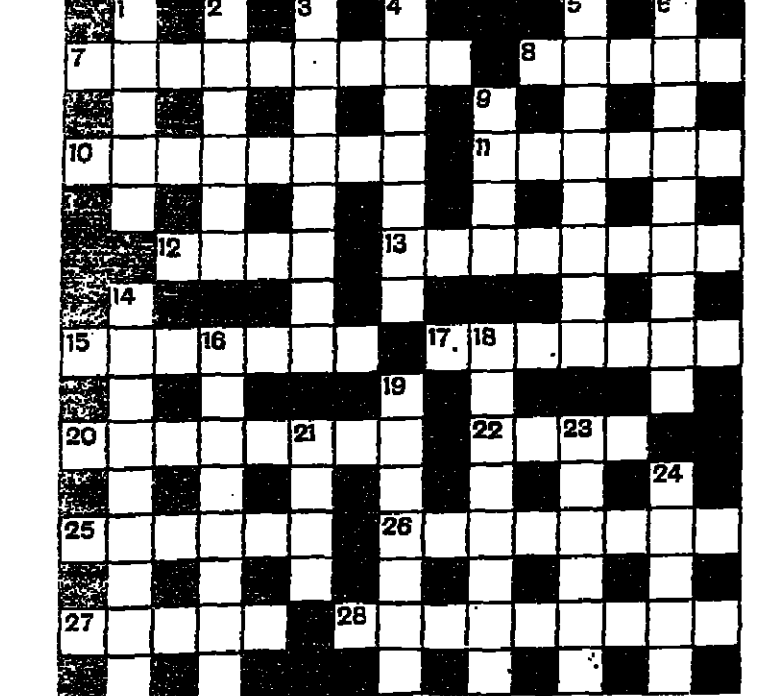
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Money Matters

Shares ahead again, bonds join rally

TEL AVIV. — Yesterday was another good day in the share market, and the fact that the bond market also began to move ahead again made it a generally satisfactory performance for the stock exchange overall. Volumes, however, remain extremely depressed, with shares at about \$1.2 million, and the whole market at just over \$3m.

The bank shares in the "arrangement" were the best performers, rising almost 2 1/2 per cent, but the advance/decline index, running at almost 3:1 yesterday, is the best indicator of the breadth of the current advance. The lack of volume, however, means that any talk of a rally is premature.

The political situation remains the key factor in the back of the minds of both actual and potential investors. Until there is some real progress on the front, the market will not make gains until it moves up or down by a significant margin. Wait and see is the watchword at the moment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: North America Israel Oil Exploration Ltd. published results for the year ending March 31, 1984. The company lost \$194m. after adjustment to inflation. This appalling result highlights the absurdity of historic accounting, compared to inflation adjusted accounting, since on the conventional, historic accounting basis, the company made a profit of \$13m. and, indeed, its entire balance sheet only amounts to \$13m. on an historic basis.

Argaman Industries announced that it has agreed with the Danot

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

Investment group to purchase the latter's holding in Yumam Textiles, a subsidiary of Argaman. The shares involved comprise 11 per cent of the equity in Yumam, and, after the recent private placement of Yumam shares with Argaman, that company now holds some 97 per cent of the equity and voting power in Yumam.

Seismic Oil Exploration notified the exchange that the Har Sodom company, which is jointly owned by Seismic and Paz, signed an agreement recently with Oppenheimer Inc. of New York, wherein it undertook to raise \$34m. Of this amount, \$28m. will be invested in the oil exploration project in the Dead Sea/Jordan Valley area. This project involves eight to 10 wells in a period of about four years at a total cost of some \$50m. Drilling of the first well will begin in November this year, near Har Sodom.

The company is planning to raise the money through a limited partnership. It received confirmation from the Treasury a few days ago that the Israel government will commit itself to assist the financing of the drilling to the extent of \$0.4434 against each dollar invested by foreign investors. This assistance is limited to \$12m.

MARKET STATISTICS

General Share Index 288.35 +2.06
Non-bank Index 210.29 +1.10
Arrangement Bank Index 237.45 +2.36
Industrial Index 227.45 +1.18
Bond Index 264.79 +1.2

Turnovers

Shares IS361.6m.
Bonds IS579.2m.
Total IS940.8m.
Advances 92
Declines 24
of which 5% + 71
of which 5% - 21
"Buyers only" 14
"Sellers only" 5

Bond market trends

4% fully-linked: Rises to 6%
3% fully-linked: Stable/Rises to 3%
90% linked: Rises 1-3%
Double-option: Stable/Rises to 1%
Dollar-linked: Mixed to 3%

Most Active Shares

Leumi 4700 IS365.3m. +166
Hapoalim 7480 IS533.4m. +170
IDB 10920 IS533.4m. +130

Sharpest Moves

Rogovin opt. 7 -26 -78.8%
Atlantic opt. 30.5 +7.5 +32.6%
Yach opt. 180 +31 +20.8%

LONDON BANK RATES

August 15, 1984
Bank base rate 11 11
Call money 12 12
91 day treasury 9 9 1/16
3-months Interbank 10 10 1/16

Lloyds Bank

Commercial Banks

(not part of "arrangement")
OHH 2700 11 n.c.
Maritime 1130 239 +3.2
N. American 1746 18 -60 -3.6
N. American 1285 12 -28 -2.2
Amor op 2270 48 -30 -1.3
Danot 71 869 -1 +1.4
Danot 194 9 -17 +9.9
First Int'l 364 1830 n.c.
FIBI 322 928 n.c.

Commercial Banks

(part of "arrangement")
IDB 10920 305 -130 -1.2
IDB B 11250 3 n.c.
IDB P 69700 2 -4700 -7.2
Union 1 8080 108 -190 -2.6
Discount B 14080 27 -750 -5.6
Discount A 13999 119 -299 -2.2
Discount B 1640 157 n.c.
Mizrahi 4380 660 n.c.
Mizrahi 5330 3 +160 +3.7
Mizrahi 3080 250 -105 +3.3

Real Estate, Building

Gind 632 38 +10 +1.6
Gind 408 108 +10 +2.5
Gind 125 150 n.c.
Gind 57 315 +3 +5.6
Gind 305 200 +11 +5.7
Gind 230 250 +20 +8.8
Gind 63 50 +3 +5.0
Gind 138 80 +3 +3.4
Gind 109 109 - -
Gind 148 50.1 -7 -4.8
Gind 79 79 - -
Gind 1714 5 -4 -2
Gind 150 75 -8 -5.2
Gind 85 48 -2 -2.2
Gind 337 100 -18 -5.1
Gind 540 16 +4.9 +4.9
Gind 170 150 +9 +5.9
Gind 92 1 +3 +3.4
Gind 72 30 +6 +6.1
Gind 246 66 -2.4 -2.4
Gind 136 3 n.c.
Gind 114 1 n.c.

Mortgage Banks

Adanot 1070 29 n.c.
Gen. Mortgage 1280 7 -1 -1
Gen. Mortgage 1280 18 -1 -1
Carmel 845 35 n.c.
Carmel 404 169 +5 +1.3
Carmel 451 24 -54 -9.9
Dev. Mortgage 360 14 n.c.
Dev. Mortgage 1000 no trading
Mishkan 1303 - -
Mishkan 720 15 -10 -1.4
Mishkan 1040 12 - -
Tefahot 855 55 n.c.
Tefahot deb. 1 915 65 -47 -4.9
Tefahot deb. 2 537 415 n.c.
Tefahot 136 141 +5 +3.8
Tefahot 141 63 +13 +9.2
Tefahot 74 92 -6 +8.8
Tefahot 374 149 +1 +3

Financial Institutions

Shilon 74 400 +1 +1.3
Shilon B 1093 - -
Agriculture 14500 - -
Agriculture 26000 - -
Agriculture 1132 - -2399 -8.1
Leumi Ind 1133 - -
Leumi Ind 16300 - -800 -4.7
Leumi Ind 65505 - -395 -8.8
Leumi Ind 41101 - -119 -2.8
Leumi Ind 41100 - -
Leumi Ind 36525 - -500 +1.4
Leumi Ind 22555 - -
Leumi Ind 250 181 n.c.
Leumi Ind 29002 - -
Leumi Ind 300 3 +19 +6.8
Leumi Ind 180 14 +10 +5.9
Leumi Ind 2020 29 -30 +1.5

Insurance

Aryeh 436 30 +40 +10.1
Aryeh 284 2 n.c.
Aryeh sub deb 5330 - -
Aryeh sub deb 132 50 +8 +6.5
Aryeh sub deb 150 100 +3 +2.4
Reinsur 0.1 650 - -
Reinsur 0.2 160 14 n.c.
Reinsur 0.3 273 9 n.c.
Reinsur 0.4 113 50 +1 +1.4
Reinsur 0.5 113 333 -5 -5.4
Reinsur 0.6 2067 60 n.c.
Reinsur 0.7 479 60.1 +23 +3.0
Reinsur 0.8 1382 1 n.c.
Reinsur 0.9 1102 1 n.c.
Reinsur 1.0 1409 - -
Yardena 0.1 296 39 +27 +10.0
Yardena 0.2 110 7 -5 -4.8
Yardena 0.3 90 80 n.c.
Yardena 0.4 2880 90 +3 +5
Yardena 0.5 601 6 +1 +2.4
Yardena 0.6 453 141 +10 +2.4
Yardena 0.7 405 18 n.c.
Yardena 0.8 340 3 -30 -8.1
Yardena 0.9 175 100 -16 +10.1

Trade & Services

Inter-Gamma 355 10 +20 +6.0
Inter-Gamma 132 50 +8 +6.5
Inter-Gamma 46 - -
Inter-Gamma 580 - -
Meir Ezra 295 - -
Meir Ezra 146 152 -10 -6.4
Meir Ezra 113 50 +1 +9.9
Meir Ezra 297 9 n.c.
Clal Trade 201 10 -2 -1.0
Clal Trade 3058 25 +278 +10.0
Rapoport 648 11 n.c.
Supersol 2 1440 50 +43 +3.1
Supersol B 10 650 194 +37 +6.0

Services

Delek 2270 36 +30 +1.3
Harel 1360 13 n.c.
Harel 930 - -
Lighterage 0.1 1217 15 +89 +7.1
Lighterage 0.2 655 51 +20 +3.2
Cold Store 0.1 17000 - -100 -6
Cold Store 1 8600 7 -500 -5.5
Israel Elec. 610 16 -10 -1.6
Israel Elec. 1340 13 n.c.
Bond Wars 0.1 228 29 +16 +7.6
Bond Wars 0.2 285 21 +15 +5.6
Consolidated 155 20 +4 +2.7
Consolidated 151 20 n.c.
Kopel 381 - -12 -9.9
Kopel 317 30 +6 +2.8

Hotels, Tourism

Galei Zahar 1 2063 b.o.1 -98 +5.0
Galei Zahar 5 712 170 -10 +1.4

Textiles and Clothing

Alon 148 - -7 -4.8
Alon 60 60 +6 +8.1
Alon 510 4 n.c.
Alon 260 1 n.c.
Alon 85 100 -10 -10.5
Alon 87 b.o.1 +4 +4.8
Alon 43 260 -4 -9.5
Alon 101 b.o.2 +5 +5.1
Alon 86 b.o.2 +5 +5.1
Alon 690 158 n.c.
Alon 47 200 -1 -2.1
Alon 24 2088 +3 +14.3
Alon 440 52 n.c.
Alon 350 79 -2 -6
Alon 105 - -
Alon 31 - -1 -3.1
Alon 170 62 +1 +6.2
Alon 95 - -1 -1.1
Alon 201 13 +9 +5.0
Alon 111 - -2.9 -2.9
Alon 135 21 -4 -4.7
Alon 70 5 -5 -5.7

Computers

Danot 288 81 n.c.
Hilco 820 - -20 +2.5
Hilco 1050 14 +42 +9.3
Hilco 263 61 - -
Hilco 301 - -
Hilco 466 5 +16 +3.6
Hilco 57 315 +3 +5.6
Hilco 305 200 +11 +5.7
Hilco 230 250 +20 +8.8
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Metals and Metal Products

Octagon 227 - -
Octagon 200 - -
Octagon 3100 16 n.c.
Octagon 1680 9 -10 -6
Octagon 1051 4 -29 -2.7
Octagon 928 4 n.c.
Octagon 383 15 +10 +2.7
Octagon 165 30 +14 +4.1
Octagon 330 137 +11 +3.5
Octagon 288 4 n.c.
Octagon 90 20 n.c.
Octagon 30 10 n.c.
Octagon 170 20 +1 +1.1
Octagon 66 1 -2 -3.6
Octagon 570 19 n.c.
Octagon 233 166 +1 +4
Octagon 153 111 +13 +9.3
Octagon 270 21 n.c.
Octagon 150 21 +20 +15.4
Octagon 350 12 n.c.
Octagon 151 20 +6 +4.1
Octagon 251 53 n.c.
Octagon 129 30 +14 +4.1
Octagon 329 67 n.c.
Octagon 525 3 +7 +1.2
Octagon 300 50 n.c.
Octagon 630 17 +10 +1.6
Octagon 365 1 +13 +3.7
Octagon 465 - -
Octagon 165 223 +6 +3.8
Octagon 120 146 +1 +8

Electrical Machinery

Electronics, Optics
Elbit 3 100551 4 +551 +6
Elbit 147555 - +111 +1
Elbit 320 59 +19 +6.3
Elbit 143 231 -3 -2.1
Elbit 1527 s.o.1 -2 -2.1
Elbit 1900 2 +100 +5.6
Elbit 832 27 +17 +2.1
Elbit 580 8 n.c.
Elbit 89000 14 n.c.
Elbit 3280 14 +133 +4.2
Elbit 2080 20 +20 +9.4
Elbit 2150 65 n.c.
Elbit 1187 6 +66 +5.9
Elbit 841 12 +6 +5.7
Elbit 2848 b.o.1 +147 +5.4
Elbit 335 30 +1 +1.1
Elbit 200 134 -9 -3.3
Elbit 95 204 -2 -2.6
Elbit 362 25 +2 +3.7
Elbit 199 50 +7 +3.7
Elbit 63 4 n.c.
Elbit 230 4 n.c.
Elbit 117 2 n.c.
Elbit 790 39 n.c.
Elbit 451 50 n.c.
Elbit 700 69 -1 -7.3
Elbit 445 14 +13 +3.3
Elbit 335 20 +34 +11.3

Building Materials

I.P. Industries 187 87 +12 +6.9
Alko 265 5 +10 +3.9
Alko 82 4 -1 -1.2
Alko 305 - -
Alko 1030 - -35 +3.5
Alko 340 - -10 +3.0
Alko 223 91 - -
Alko 81 - -4 +5.2
Alko 62 b.o.1 +4 +6.8
Alko 160 102 -6 -3.6
Alko 110 50 -2 -1.8
Alko 149 50 +3 +3.7
Alko 626 6 +2 +3
Alko 240 35 n.c.
Alko 219 55 +16 +7.9
Alko 149 50 +13 +9.9
Alko 149 33 n.c.
Alko 1525 - -3 +3
Alko 810 - -

Food and Tobacco

Alon 220 - -20 -4.4
Alon 195 +12 +5.7
Alon 82 45 +5 +5.6
Alon 30 177 +7 +32.6
Alon 158 - -
Alon 45 95 +1 +1.1
Alon 1190 28 +50 +4.4
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Alon 639 105 +20 +3.2
Alon 410 60 +9 +2.2
Alon 354 36 +36 +11.3
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Alon 513 27 +15 +2.1
Alon 625 30 -4 -6
Alon 380 50 +10 +2.7
Alon 180 68 -10 -5.3
Alon 120 222 -5 -4.0
Alon 110 - -
Alon 711 - -
Alon 650 6 +25 +4.0
Alon 3150 16 +145 +4.8
Alon 2431 - -1 +1
Alon 421 45 -10 -2.3
Alon 621 31 -19 -3.0

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Wood, Paper, Printing

Dafnol 315 30 +17 +5.7
Dafnol 202 40 n.c.
Dafnol 1250 120 n.c.
Dafnol 340 40 +5 +1.5
Dafnol 281 - -6 +2.2
Dafnol 281 8 +1 +1.4
Dafnol 180 32 +1 +3.3
Dafnol 95 32 +1 +3.3
Dafnol 47 200 n.c.
Dafnol 1035 1 -6 -A
Dafnol 17848 1 +850 +5.0
Dafnol 19 19 n.c.
Dafnol 217 - -
Dafnol 960 10 -10 -1.0
Dafnol 580 3 n.c.
Dafnol 997 45 n.c.

Miscellaneous Industries

Alumit 825 25 -10 -1.2
Alumit 428 - -28 +7.0
Alumit 376 - -
Alumit 2300 20 +100 +4.6
Alumit 1730 31 +60 +3.6
Alumit 745 105 +10 +3.3
Alumit 428 86 +26 +6.5
Alumit 260 77 +14 +5.7
Alumit 1066 11 n.c.
Alumit 825 11 n.c.
Alumit 335 179 -33 -9.0
Alumit 95 207 n.c.

Investment Companies

Central Trade 1620 68 +31 +2.0
Kiner 462 729 n.c.
Clal Indus. 1697 63 +120 +7.6
Tech Res. 52 546 +3 +6.1
Tech Res. 29 466 -1 -3.3
Investment Companies
Unitar 278 188 -12 -4.1
IDB Dev. 1015 340 +15 +1.5
Incofin 191 143 +1 +10.1
Incofin 77 102 - -
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Withdrawal now

DESPITE the continuous deterioration in the nation's economy, and the sense of urgency about establishing a government to deal with it, there are no signs that this can quicken the coalition talks. They move to a different rhythm—the rhythm of bargaining.

In theory, it would be possible to extract the economic issue from that bargaining, place it on a different level—the level of national emergency—and then formulate a bi-partisan policy, embracing Labour and the Likud.

That, of course, is what the Finance Minister, Mr. Cohen-Orgad would like to do. And why not? What better way to overcome failure than by having someone else bail you out and give you the credit. It is as if Churchill had joined Chamberlain, turned the tide, and then allowed Chamberlain to reap the credit for victory.

But there is a more profound obstacle in the way of a bi-partisan economic policy before the establishment of a new government. For economic policy is an expression of a government's political priorities. The priorities of the Likud are different from those of Labour. Labour does not want to reduce real incomes on behalf of settlement in Judea and Samaria; the Likud would like now to freeze wages, prices, and perhaps taxes, and therefore freeze the present political priorities as well.

Since these differences can't be bridged without political agreement, a bi-partisan economic policy will have to await a new government.

But there is one issue in which a bi-partisan policy would be possible, even before a government is set up, and that issue is no less pressing than the economy. That issue is withdrawal from Lebanon.

The toll in lives and wounded rises daily and there is no amelioration in sight. On the contrary, with each passing day of Israeli occupation, the population in southern Lebanon is becoming ever more hostile.

The Shamir Government would like to withdraw, but it is paralyzed by fear of the consequences. How could it justify the Lebanese War, if, after withdrawal, Upper Galilee would again become the target for terrorist attacks? It is afraid to take the risk. Instead it pursues a chimera of a riskless withdrawal. But it is caught in a double bind. The longer the occupation, the less chance of such a withdrawal; the less the chance of such a withdrawal, the longer the occupation.

The Likud would be saved from this dilemma if Labour would join it in forging a jointly determined withdrawal policy. This would get the Likud off the hook; it would also get the troops home. It would also help create a more sane policy on how best to safeguard Upper Galilee. Whatever residual Israeli presence in southern Lebanon would be decided upon in such a bi-partisan way, would then have the legitimacy of national consensus.

This is a priority that both parties can agree upon before a government is formed—and no matter what the outcome of the negotiation talks. For no one can lose by such bi-partisanship, and everyone—especially the harassed and endangered Israeli soldiers in Lebanon—can gain.

Formally the initiative for such a bi-partisan policy departure on Lebanon should come from the Prime Minister. But there is nothing to prevent Labour itself from initiating such a proposal.

This is the one issue where the rhythm of coalition bargaining should not, and need not, determine the process of decision-making.

Gall he has

YIGAL COHEN-ORGAD is not likely to go down in Israel's economic annals as the greatest finance minister the country has sported—but for sheer gall he does set records.

Having whipped the economy into a galloping inflation he can plainly no longer control, he constantly repeats the silly accusation that it is the obstreperous Histadrut that is responsible for his failure to cope with what is plainly his own handiwork. Having disdainfully waved away any suggestion to meet and consult with the Histadrut when he first embarked on his miracle cures for the economy last October—when it was the proper time to do so—he now calls for a so-called package deal with the same tiresome repetition as his accusations against the Histadrut.

What Finance Minister Cohen-Orgad is demanding of the Histadrut is no more and no less than to tear up the wage contracts and cost-of-living agreements signed only weeks before the elections, which bear his signature.

What he is asking of the Histadrut is a long-term commitment. He, on the other hand, can hardly commit himself for more than a few weeks. He speaks airily of a price and tax freeze as the counterpart of the wage cut that is his real purpose. If nobody is willing to buy his offer it is because it is plain for all to see that he cannot deliver the goods.

His "offer" to freeze taxes is meaningless because nobody in his right mind would raise them still higher. What is needed is to reduce them. Instead, the tax collection system is breaking down—and that is a different story altogether from a tax freeze, a tax increase, or a tax reduction.

His talk about a price freeze is equally without substance. Neither the finance minister, nor his colleague in the Ministry of Trade and Industry, has the administrative machinery to enforce it. Neither one of them has made any preparations to set it up. The Histadrut is right to reject Mr. Cohen-Orgad's brazen demand to annul the wage agreements, and right to insist on discussing with him only those immediate steps that have to be taken to mitigate the damage that the finance minister can do and does. For even as the finance minister of an interim government he can push the economy onto the downhill path of mass employment.

It is either that or a wage cut, Mr. Cohen-Orgad insists. The man who sat quietly by when the country's foreign currency reserves were depleted to the tune of \$600b., and perhaps more, now has the audacity to warn that unless there is a wage cut, there will soon be no foreign currency for the import of raw materials, and industry will have to stop its wheels and fire its workers.

Mr. Cohen-Orgad should be reminded that even now there is a cut in real wages. The consumer price index published yesterday—another record in the inflationary race—shows that in July the wages paid at the beginning of that month lost 12.4 per cent of their purchasing power. Wage earners will be compensated at the beginning of September by a cost-of-living allowance of some 10 per cent, while the Central Bureau of Statistics estimates that a price rise of some 9 per cent in August is already in the bag. Nobody will compensate the wage earners for what they lost in July, and even the agreed wage increases over and above the cost-of-living allowance are barely enough to restore the level of real wages periodically.

Labour, it is well to remember, is by now the only commodity in the economy whose price is adjusted to inflation with a frequency of no more than one month. Practically all other goods have their prices raised weekly or even daily and that, apparently, often by more than the past rate of inflation.

Perhaps there is no way out but a further fall in real wages. But before any further assault is made on real wages, the government must cut its own spending. A caretaker government that acts as if it is still running an election campaign cannot do that.

Settling accounts with friends

By SHEVAH WEISS

IN THE ELECTIONS for the 11th Knesset, six parties had considerable success: Tehiya, Kach, Shas, Shinui, the Citizen's Rights Movement and the Progressive List for Peace.

The last three nibbled at the electorate—both real and potential—of the Alignment. Shinui received 54,747 voters and the Citizen's Rights Movement 49,698; together they received 104,455 votes, while in 1981 they managed to attract only 54,758 between them. They thus increased their share by 90 per cent.

The six Knesset members of CRM and Shinui will only join an Alignment government, and thus the Alignment should actually rejoice in their success, not complain. Nevertheless, I would like to settle accounts with them regarding the means by which these votes were achieved and by which they inflicted other losses upon the Alignment. Even friends should sometimes settle accounts between themselves.

I believe that these two parties, largely out of egocentric considerations, have contributed to the reduction in hopes for a change of government. The most amazing thing of all is that, at the height of the election campaign, they did not hesitate to

appeal to the Alignment leadership and vigorously demand that it stop its propaganda activity against them; while these two little sisters of the Alignment, its partners in opposition and coalition turned all their propagandist energy against the Alignment.

These two parties, which had no chance whatever of taking even one vote from the Likud or other coalition parties, decided to make a grab for votes at any price, from the Alignment.

These parties which pretend to "protect from within the purity of our government" were not too meticulous about the own cleanliness on their road to purity. The leader of CRM announced on television, before an audience of two million viewers, that "the Likud is the evil and the Alignment is the lesser of the two evils."

The CRM published an election advertisement showing the portraits of Meir Kahane, Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eitan and beneath them the question: "Will Shoshana Arbeli-Amslino, Arieh Nehamkin and Michael Bar-Zohar stop them?" Have Tehiya or Morasha led such a

propaganda campaign against the Likud?

MY GOOD FRIENDS from Shinui offered to all perplexed or over-sensitive voters the heart-warming alternative: "Why take a pill against nausea and vote Alignment? Vote Shinui and you'll get an Alignment government with a Shinui (change)."

Will the Shinui representative in the Alignment government wear a gas mask? Will he take a supply of anti-nausea pills when he sits in session with Peres, Rabin, Navon, Bar-Lev and Gur?

From where have they acquired this arrogance? How can they offend the Alignment so? Whenever I found myself in those sparkling parlour meetings in those magnificent homes, they would ask me, "Has the Alignment learned its lesson? Why should the Alignment have learned a lesson?"

Amnon Rubinstein declared on television that when the Golan Law was enacted the Alignment was confused. I was not confused, neither were Yossi Sarid, Uzi Baram, Ya'acov Gil and members of Mapam; we voted against the law.

A blessing we can do without

By JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Buy now, since prices are going up.

Don't bother to be a good consumer, since comparison shopping doesn't pay. By the time you've found a good buy, the prices have all been hiked.

Don't save money, since the government will inevitably find a way to take a bite out of your savings.

Instead, buy a dishwasher, deep-freezer, video, second colour TV, new car, any type of durable goods—even if you don't need them.

Don't leave shekels in the bank. Treat Israeli currency like hot potatoes. Change it into Patam (or if you're lucky enough to be an immigrant, unrestricted Patam). If not that, at least put it into Tapas or Pakam short-term interest-bearing deposits. You'll lose, compared to what the bank will make on your money, but at least you'll lose less.

As a result, people talk and think about money more than they used to. Despite computerization and

money-dispensing machines, we spend more time in the bank juggling accounts, making payments on the last possible day with "cheaper" shekels, converting money from shekel-to-dollar-linked accounts and back again.

With the value of money changing so rapidly, one doesn't know if a pair of trousers or a dress is expensive or a bargain—at least until one divides by 300 or so to find out how much it is in dollars. Our frame of reference is constantly shifting, and we are dizzy.

TAKE A FEW examples.

A young couple buying a new apartment agree to meet the contractor in their lawyer's office at 11 a.m. As their lawyer and the contractor's lawyer argue over legal points, the couple begin to sweat. They converted tens of thousands of dollars at the bank that morning according to the morning conversion rate. If they sign the contract after 12 noon, and the contractor can't get to the bank to deposit it in a dollar-

Dry Bones



But on the issue of the Lebanon war, Shinui was confused—Rubinstein voted for Virshupski against.

There is nothing much I can say against Ezer Weizman, Yigal Hurvitz or Mordechai Ben-Porat. They never declared any intention during the election campaign to participate in an Alignment government.

But CRM and Shinui smeared the Alignment in public and thus helped the Likud. In so doing, they encouraged those among the Likud voters who had not yet made up their mind to remain loyal to their party.

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WHAT SHOULD we do? I never got beyond Economics I in college, but living and coping in Israel is equivalent at least to post-graduate work in economics. The government, it seems to me, must in the long term cut down public spending and freeze wages and prices. But in the short term, it must establish a means for the average citizen to protect the real value of his money.

The citizen should be able to deposit money in accounts that offer dollar-linkage and reasonable profits. Stock-exchange speculators don't pay tax on their profits; why shouldn't savings be immune as well? The government currently lops off at source 45 per cent of interest earned every quarter in Patam accounts. (They do the same for new immigrants' Patam accounts, thus inducing many olim to send their money—legally—outside the country when they near the 10-year limit on non-taxed interest, but that's another story.)

Cancelling the tax on interest would attract deposits. If the money were used to build high-tech export industries, employment would expand and all would benefit. Citizens would be less tempted to buy durable goods; they would try to save as much as possible.

One thing is certain. Living with 1000 per cent inflation will be harder than coping with 400 per cent inflation. Every additional rise will drive us madder. Our national sanity is at stake.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

SAVING ETHIOPIAN JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The letter to the Editor by Graenun Berger, Vice President of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews, (July 25) attacking your editorial entitled, "Meddling not needed" (June 24) is a blatant example of Berger's naivete, ignorance of the facts, and total lack of understanding of rescue operations.

Mr. Berger prefers to reiterate the overt innocent but vile accusation that Ethiopian Jews were only brought to Israel in "response to a massive amount of publicity and pressure (that) included a vast mail campaign, advertisements in the press, national critical TV programs, a hard-hitting prize winning documentary film, resolutions passed by the U.S. Congress and Senate and finally a successful demonstration rescue mission conducted by rank amateurs from the American Association for Ethiopian Jews."

Anyone who believes that even one Ethiopian Jew made it to the shores of Israel because of the slanderous ads taken in The New York Times, or as a result of a decision by the U.S. Congress that expressed sincere concern for the plight of Ethiopian Jewry, is entitled to his opinion. But, we would do best to heed the advice of the editorial writer of The Jerusalem Post who is obviously aware how Ethiopian Jews arrive in Israel, at what cost in human effort and why so many more have not as yet made it to Israel.

The independent "rank amateur" activities that Berger is so proud of not only did not contribute to the increase of aliyah from Ethiopia, but caused tremendous damage and much suffering.

In his letter to The Post, Mr. Berger claims that there is growing criticism regarding the absorption of Ethiopian Jews. That is true; there is criticism, which is foremost the self-criticism engaged in by the various absorption agencies themselves. But this criticism originates as a result of tremendous efforts, the constant pursuit of new ways and means, and an honest desire to learn from mistakes made in the course of working with people who were previously an enigma to those engaged in the rescue work and the other professional.

Mr. Berger's remarks regarding "objective budgetary problems" that your editorial cited as a contributing factor to the difficulties in-

volved, are naive. He would have your readers believe that policies are conducted in distinct opposition to Israel's government and Jewish Agency assertions that budgetary considerations never interfere when the rescue and absorption of Jews in distress is involved, including Ethiopian Jewry.

I cannot stress enough that no Jew has or will remain in the Gola because of budgetary limitations.

The absorption centres have recently been opened to the inspection of the media and to honest and constructive criticism. We will not, however, aid those critics who besmirch Israel and attempt to incite the immigrants and disturb their absorption process.

Neither will we engage in a debate with Mr. Berger regarding the efficiency of "quiet diplomacy," because that is not our dispute with his colleagues who bear a heavy responsibility, not for having engaged in "loud" diplomacy, but because of their irresponsible talk where silence was best.

In my opinion, matters of life and death, such as the rescue of Jews in distress, should be left to the discretion of the elected institutions of the State of Israel and the Jewish people, and not to "rank amateurs," regardless of their motives.

ZVI EYAL

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